

Catholic Faith, Life & Creed



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Resource Notes for Year C

Weekly Connecting Statements
Between the Liturgy
& the Doctrinal Segments

The Full Scope & Sequence

ADVENT SEASON

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28 & 34-36



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Faith

Eschatology or End Times

Kingdom of God

Salvation

Liturgical Year

Revelation I

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FAITH

Advent and today's liturgy issues a resounding clarion call to embrace the faith we have been given and to pray for the grace and the strength to grow and develop that faith. Thus, today our doctrinal focus will be FAITH and what the Church teaches about FAITH.

ESCHATOLOGY OR END TIMES

It is an amazing paradox that the beginning of the Church year and Advent fast-forwards us to the end of time. Today Jesus catapults us to the last days and his glorious return. It is a most appropriate time to consider what the Church teaches about eschatology and things concerning the end of time and all we believe about it.

KINGDOM OF GOD

The season of Advent is a time we recall Christ's mandate to build the reign of God in our midst as we prepare for the coming of the Christ. Thus, today we will focus our attention on what the Church teaches about the KINGDOM OF GOD.

SALVATION

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LITURGICAL YEAR

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REVELATION Part I

What better time is there than Advent to focus our attention on God's revelation to humanity? Today's session will focus on God's revelation.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT C

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6 & 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6



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Sin
Faith
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SIN

Today John the Baptist calls for true repentance. If we are to repent we must have a developed understanding of the nature of sin in the first place. Thus, today our doctrinal session will focus on what the Church teaches about SIN.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT C
First reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Catholic Social Teaching
Sin
Morality
Incarnation
Mary Model Disciple

Faith
Kingdom of God
Salvation
Revelation I or II

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Today's Gospel suggests a way of living and being in the world. True repentance requires that we treat one another with love and fairness. The victims of the tax collector's greed placed the greatest burdens on the back of the poor. Today would be an appropriate time to focus our attention on CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING in today's extended session.

SIN

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MORALITY

John the Baptist suggests what it means to live the moral life. He upholds a standard of fairness and decency. Today's Gospel is an invitation to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about MORALITY. Thus today's extended session will address MORALITY.

INCARNATION

The reason for the season of Advent is preparation for the INCARNATION of God's Son. As Christmas fast approaches we will focus our attention in today's extended session on what we believe about the INCARNATION of God's Son, Jesus Christ.

MARY MODEL DISCIPLE

Mary is a major character in the season of Advent. She is an example of the "yes" we should all say to God when it comes to living the Christian life. John the Baptist invites conversion of heart and repentance. Mary is our finest example of what it means to have a converted heart. Today we will focus our attention on MARY in our extended session.

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REVELATION Part I or II

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT C

First reading: Micah 5:1-4

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45



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Sin

Faith

Eschatology or End Times

Kingdom of God

Salvation

Liturgical Year

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CHRISTMAS SEASON

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Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5 -- Acts 13:16-17 & 22-25 -- Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Isaiah 9:1-6 -- Titus 2:11-14 -- Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12 -- Titus 3:4-7 -- Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

During the Day: Isaiah 52:7-10 -- Hebrews 1:1-6 -- John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



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Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Incarnation

Jesus Christ

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Most catechetical groups do not meet during the Christmas octave. However, in the event that there are groups that meet the following doctrinal issues are most appropriate.

INCARNATION

Today's celebration of the Nativity of our Lord logically celebrates in human history—the Incarnation of Jesus Christ—the coming of Christ, the Messiah, Lord and Savior of the world. We logically focus our attention on the INCARNATION.

JESUS CHRIST

Today's celebration of the Incarnation of Christ heralds the coming of Christ, the Lord and Savior of the World. Today we focus our attention on the person of JESUS CHRIST.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6 & 12-14

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

(The First Reading from Year A and/or the Second Reading from Year A may be used.)

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Incarnation

Mary, Model for the Church

Creed

Jesus Christ

Faith

Salvation/Soteriology

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INCARNATION

The Christmas season heralds the Incarnation of God's Son. On this feast that celebrates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple reminds us that Jesus was born and took human form within the human family. The Holy Family that nurtured God's Son, Joseph who protected him, his virgin mother that said, "Yes" to God it is appropriate we focus our attention on the INCARNATION OF JESUS CHRIST.

MARY MODEL FOR THE CHURCH

The Feast of the Holy Family is an appropriate occasion to focus our attention on Mary, virgin, mother of God and faithful disciple. She is an example for all of us of how to obediently live the Gospel. She teaches us how to live in harmony in our own Christian families, and she is an icon of faithful discipleship. Today's extended session will focus on MARY, MODEL FOR THE CHURCH.

CREED

The young Jesus taught the elders in the synagogue. He was filled with God's wisdom. It is thus fitting that today we focus on what we believe about our faith that is rooted in Jesus Christ who was born into the human family- a family that loved him and worried when he was lost—just like every family similarly worries. Thus today's focus will be the CREED.

JESUS CHRIST

The focus of the feast of the Holy Family is Jesus Christ. Luke illustrates that the Incarnation takes place in the midst of the human family. Jesus was separated from his parents and taught the elders. The Gospel echoes the perfection of Christ at each stage of his human development. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on the person of JESUS CHRIST.

FAITH

The Holy Family is a model of faith for all Christian families. The Holy Family is a reminder to us of the power of faith in our lives. God can always be trusted. This feast is an appropriate time to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about FAITH.

SALVATION/SOTERIOLOGY

The feast of the Holy Family is a feast that highlights God's plan of salvation for the world accomplished through the Incarnation of Jesus, the Son of God. God willed that his Son take human flesh and grow and be nurtured in the human family, completely immersed in the human experience. Today is a most appropriate day to reflect on what the Church teaches about SALVATION/SOTERIOLOGY.

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21



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Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

*Mary Model Disciple
Incarnation
Jesus Christ*

*Salvation
Incarnation*

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MARY, MODEL DISCIPLE

On this feast of the Solemnity of Mary it is most appropriate to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD, and MODEL DISCIPLE.

JESUS CHRIST

Luke's intention in today's Gospel is to relate the story of the birth of the Christ. The coming of Christ is the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation for the world inaugurated in the birth of Jesus. It is thus a most appropriate time to reflect on what the Church teaches about JESUS CHRIST.

SOTERIOLOGY/SALVATION

We are celebrating the Christ event throughout the Christmas season--the most defining moment in salvation history--the Incarnation of Christ. Mary's role is to lead us to Christ. This feast is a primary Christological celebration that celebrates God's saving plan for the world. Today's liturgy is an invitation to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about SOTERIOLOGY/SALVATION

INCARNATION

The Christmas season celebrates the Incarnation of Christ. Tradition considers the Incarnation to include the entire mystery of Christ--much like the Paschal Mystery. The season of Advent /Christmas heralds, exalts and proclaims the Incarnation. Without it, there would be no death and resurrection, thus no salvation. The Incarnation is the primary integral event in human history. Today is thus an appropriate time to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about the INCARNATION.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3 & 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Please note: The Second Sunday after Christmas is always the Feast of Epiphany in the United States



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Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Evangelization
Scripture and Revelation I
Ecumenism
Jesus Christ

Creed
Incarnation
Soteriology/Salvation
Kingdom of God

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EVANGELIZATION

On this feast of manifestation, God's Word went out to the world. The letter to the Ephesians refers to the Word going out to the Gentiles. Today's liturgy is a catechism on the LIGHT that goes out to the world. We are ambassadors of that LIGHT and as such have a responsibility to go out to the world and preach the Good News. Thus it is a most appropriate time to reflect on what the Church teaches about EVANGELIZATION

SCRIPTURE AND REVELATION I

Today is a most apt day to focus our attention on God's revelation. The Feast of the Epiphany is a feast of God's manifestation to the world. God also manifests himself to us through Divine Revelation, the Word of God. Our doctrinal session today will address SCRIPTURE AND REVELATION.

ECUMENISM

On this feast of manifestation, God's Word went out to the world. The letter to the Ephesians refers to the Word going out to the Gentiles. Today's liturgy is a catechism on the evangelization that goes out to the whole world. We are ambassadors of that evangelization. Our Church is a big tent and we have a specific theology that undergirds our response to other Christian and non-Christian faiths. Thus our doctrinal session today will reflect on what the Church teaches about ECUMENISM.

JESUS CHRIST

Epiphany is a feast of Jesus Christ par excellence. It is a feast of his manifestation to the world. The coming of Christ is the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation for the world inaugurated in the birth of Jesus and all the events surrounding that birth. It is thus a most appropriate time to reflect on what the Church teaches about JESUS CHRIST.

CREED

On this day that celebrates God's manifestation to the world through his Son Jesus Christ, it is most fitting we recommit to what we profess about Christ as Christians. What we profess is embodied in the Creed we proclaim at every Sunday Eucharistic liturgy. It is thus most appropriate that we focus our attention on the CREED.

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SOTERIOLOGY/SALVATION

We are celebrating the Christ event throughout the Christmas season—the most defining moment in salvation history—the Incarnation of Christ. Epiphany is a feast of God's manifestation to the world through his Son Jesus Christ. This feast is a primary Christological celebration that celebrates God's saving plan for the world. Today's liturgy is an invitation to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about SOTERIOLOGY/SALVATION.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Christmas heralds the kingdom Christ came to inaugurate. Epiphany celebrates God's manifestation to the world and the advent of that kingdom. Jesus came to restore the harmony of Eden. Christmas is a time we celebrate that kingdom in which the lion will lay with the lamb and the peace and harmony of the Garden will be restored. Jesus re-established that kingdom and promised that we are living in its reality. When two or more are gathered in his name that kingdom is established. The Christmas season is an appropriate opportunity to focus our doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about the establishment of the KINGDOM OF GOD.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4 & 6-7

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

The First Reading from Year A and/or the Second Reading from Year A may be used.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16 & 21-22



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Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Baptism

Sacraments

Scripture and Revelation I or II

Holy Spirit

Jesus Christ

Creed

Liturgical Year

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BAPTISM

God acknowledges Jesus as his Beloved Son and Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan. What better time would there be to reflect on what the Church teaches about the sacrament that incorporates us into the Paschal Mystery of Christ than the feast of the BAPTISM OF THE LORD? It is most fitting that today we focus our attention on the sacrament of BAPTISM.

SACRAMENTS

Sacraments continue Christ's saving mission in our day and our time. We are given access to his ministry that was inaugurated on this feast—the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is thus most appropriate that we focus our attention today on what the Church teaches about sacraments—the celebrations/rituals that bring the healing, reconciling, saving mission of Christ into our midst—that make present the Paschal Mystery of Christ—his life, passion, death, resurrection and the sending of the Holy Spirit. Thus today our doctrinal session will focus on what the Church teaches about SACRAMENTS.

SCRIPTURE AND REVELATION I or II

Today is a most apt day to focus our attention on God's revelation. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a feast of Christ's manifestation to the world and the inauguration of his ministry. God anointed Jesus for his public mission; his mission was to proclaim the Good News—the Gospel of salvation to the world. God continues to manifest himself to us through Divine Revelation, the Word of God. In our doctrinal session today will address **SCRIPTURE AND REVELATION**.

HOLY SPIRIT

Today's Gospel attests to the salvific work of the Holy Spirit. The heavens were opened and the Spirit came upon Jesus and his public ministry was inaugurated. This feast heralds the work of the Holy Spirit in the kingdom Christ came to establish. It is thus most fitting that today's doctrinal session will focus on what the Church teaches about the **HOLY SPIRIT**.

JESUS CHRIST

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a feast of Jesus Christ par excellence. It is a feast of his manifestation to the world—the inauguration of his public ministry. Jesus came to fulfill God's plan of salvation for the world. Today is a significant event in the unfolding of God's plan. It is thus a most appropriate time to reflect on what the Church teaches about **JESUS CHRIST**.

CREED

This day that celebrates Christ's manifestation to the world and the inauguration of his public ministry. We hear Peter tell about Christ going out to the world by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it is most fitting that we recommit to what we profess about Christ as Christians. What we profess is embodied in the Creed we proclaim at every Sunday Eucharistic liturgy. It is thus most appropriate that we focus our attention on the **CREED**.

LITURGICAL YEAR

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord ends the Christmas season and begins the new season of Ordinary Time. The liturgical year begins to unfold the story of Christ's life and heralds the inauguration of his saving mission. It is thus most appropriate that we focus our attention on what we celebrate in the **LITURGICAL YEAR**.

SEASON OF LENT

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT C

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13



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Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

*Season of Lent
Sin and Grace*

*Sacrament of Reconciliation
Evangelization*

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SEASON OF LENT

This is the First Sunday of Lent. The six weeks of Lent are a time of baptismal and penitential preparation for the Easter sacraments. Today's session will focus on the Season of Lent—what we believe and what we celebrate.

SIN AND GRACE

Jesus exhorts us to follow his commands. The season of Lent is a time we examine our lives in the light of the Gospel. We look at what is sinful and defective and we call upon the grace of God to heal and reconcile. Today's extended session will focus on the Church's teaching regarding SIN AND GRACE.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lent is a time we focus on the areas of sin in our lives and our need for God's mercy. It is also a time when the church offers multiple opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. Jesus was tempted in today's Gospel. We too are tempted; we sin when we succumb to temptation. The sacrament of reconciliation extends God's mercy and the reconciling presence of Christ. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

EVANGELIZATION

All three readings in today's liturgy include a confession of faith; faith in God and faith in Christ. We are all called to make a confession of faith and to share our faith with others. The heart of evangelization is that confession of faith. Today's doctrinal session will focus on EVANGELIZATION—the realization of the confession of faith called for in today's liturgy.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT C

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12 & 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36



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Prayer
Sin and Grace
Cross of Christ

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Faith
Eschatology: Heaven, Hell, Purgatory

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PRAYER

The story of Transfiguration is a story of the intimacy between Jesus and his Father. We are all invited to share that same intimacy. Lent is a time we focus on the discipline of prayer and recommit to be more diligent in our prayer efforts. Today's session will focus on PRAYER.

SIN AND GRACE

Today's Gospel is reminder of the glory that awaits us—the grace we all share. It is also a reminder of why Jesus had to make that final journey to Jerusalem—the sins of the world. Today's extended session will focus on the Church's teaching regarding SIN AND GRACE.

CROSS OF CHRIST

Jesus is transfigured; his clothes become brilliantly white. He is prepared for the passage he will make from death to life once he forges onward to Jerusalem and the cross that awaited him. Today's session will address the Cross of Christ.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lent is a time we focus on the areas of sin in our lives and our need for God's mercy. It is also a time when the church offers multiple opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. Jesus was prepared for the ordeal he would soon be facing—an ordeal caused by human sinfulness. The sacrament of reconciliation extends God's mercy and the reconciling presence of Christ. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

FAITH

The story of Abraham is a story of faith. He reminds us of the power of faith. Abraham had faith in God in the face of the impossible. Thus, today's doctrinal session will focus on FAITH.

ESCHATOLOGY: heaven, hell, purgatory

Jesus is reminded of the glory he would be entering into and from which he came. It is a glory to which all believers are heirs, insists St. Paul. Today's extended doctrinal session will focus on the church's teaching regarding the afterlife: heaven, hell and purgatory, under the title Eschatology (*end things*).

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT C

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8 & 13-15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6 & 10-12

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9



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Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Salvation
Sin and Grace
Cross of Christ

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Eschatology: Heaven, Hell, Purgatory

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SALVATION

Today's liturgy is an invitation to acknowledge our need for salvation—to recognize that salvation is a process, the heart of which is God's abiding relationship with people throughout human history. We are all sinners in need of saving—all three readings attest to God's action in the midst of human sinfulness. Today's session will focus on SALVATION.

SIN AND GRACE

Today's Gospel is reminder of the glory that awaits us—the grace we all share. It is also a reminder of why Jesus had to make that final journey to Jerusalem—the sins of the world. Today's liturgy is a reminder that we are all sinners, but God is greater than our sin and desires to give us the grace to endure. Today's extended session will focus on the Church's teaching regarding SIN AND GRACE.

CROSS OF CHRIST

Today's readings remind us that we are all sinners in need of salvation. We are saved by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Each of us is invited to join the calamities, sufferings and joys of our lives to the Paschal mystery of Christ. Today's session will address the Cross of Christ and the Paschal Mystery.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lent is a time we focus on the areas of sin in our lives and our need for God's mercy. It is also a time when the church offers multiple opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. The sacrament of reconciliation extends God's mercy and the reconciling presence of Christ to us sinners. Today's liturgy reminds us that we are all sinners---no one is purely righteous before God. We are blessed with the grace of this sacrament to assist us in this process of salvation. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

ESCHATOLOGY: heaven, hell, purgatory

One cannot speak of righteousness and sin without considering the implications...what does it mean to be saved? There are implications for this life, but there are also implications for the afterlife. Jesus reminds us today that we have all been given a second chance through the sacrifice of Christ. We can choose to cooperate with God's saving grace or not. There are implications for our future. Thus today's extended doctrinal session will focus on the church's teaching regarding the afterlife: heaven, hell and purgatory, under the title Eschatology (*end things*).

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT A

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2 & 5-8

Gospel: John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19-26, 39, & 40-42



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Sacrament of Baptism

Creed

Sin and Grace

Catholic Social Teaching

Morality

Moral Decision Making

Evangelization

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

BAPTISM

In the first reading today Moses struck the rock and water flowed from the rock. In the Gospel Jesus gave the woman living water. These were primary Scriptures used to prepare ancient candidates for baptism. Through baptism we are immersed in life giving waters. We are born again through the embryonic waters of baptism. It is thus most appropriate that that we focus our doctrinal session on the sacrament of BAPTISM.

CREED

In the third week of Lent the elect are presented with the Creed they will profess for the first time at the Easter Vigil. The focus of Lent is primarily baptismal. Those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil prepare to make a profession of baptismal faith. The faithful prepare to renew that profession at Easter. It is thus appropriate that the doctrinal session for catechumens (not the elect—formal catechesis ended for them at the rite of election) focus on what we profess in the Nicene CREED.

SIN AND GRACE

Today's first reading in which water flows from the rock is a reminder of the Israelites' wandering in the desert—their lack of trust and dependence on God—their sinfulness. The story of the woman at the well reminds us of the idols and the sin that distract us from our relationship with God. It is thus most appropriate that we focus our doctrinal session on SIN AND GRACE.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The woman of Samaria was a woman, and a Samaritan. Both designations rendered her an outcast. Jesus reached out to her and by drinking from her bucket embraced her status. By touching her it rendered him unclean and required that he undergo ritual cleansing. Jesus crashed through the barriers of exclusivity and restored people to full membership and dignity in the community. Catholic Social Teaching upholds the dignity of every human person and exposes those barriers of exclusivity. It is thus fitting that today's session focuses on CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING.

MORALITY

The first reading echoes the unfaithfulness of Israel and the story of the Samaritan Woman not only exposes the idol worship of the people of Samaria, but also the moral choices a person makes in his or her life. Jesus invited the people of Samaria to come home. Coming home requires conversion and the commitment to live the moral life. It is thus important that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about morality.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

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EVANGELIZATION

The woman of Samaria is said to be the first evangelist. She went out and told everyone what Jesus had done. She is an example for all of us. We are all called to go out and share the Good News of the great deeds of the Lord. She invites us on this Third Sunday to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about EVANGELIZATION.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The liturgies of Lent are an invitation to deep, interior conversion. The Church continues Jesus' saving reconciling mission through the sacraments. The remedy for humanity's sin today can be found in the sacrament of Eucharist which re-presents God's saving mission on the cross, and the sacrament of reconciliation. The sacrament of reconciliation is a celebration of God's incredible mercy extended to sinners. It is thus fitting that today our doctrinal session will focus on the sacrament of RECONCILIATION.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT C
First Reading: Joshua 5:9 & 10-12
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3 & 11-32



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Salvation
Symbols of Bread and Wine

Sin and Grace
Cross of Christ

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the index of doctrinal topics and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lent is a time we focus on the areas of sin in our lives and our need for God's mercy. It is also a time when the church offers multiple opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. The sacrament of reconciliation extends God's mercy and the reconciling presence of Christ to us sinners. Today's liturgy reminds us that the Father will go to any lengths to save the sinner. We need go no farther than the sacrament of reconciliation. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**.

SALVATION

Today's liturgy is an invitation to acknowledge our need for salvation—to recognize that salvation is a process, that even though we can reject the salvation that is ours, we have a heavenly Father who is willing to go to any lengths to save us. We are all sinners in need of saving. Today's session will focus on **SALVATION**.

SYMBOLS OF BREAD AND WINE

In today's Gospel the Father reconciled the son not only to himself, but to the community as well. He killed the fatted calf—an allusion to the reconciling power of the Eucharist, the Eucharist that feeds the entire community. It is a reminder that the Eucharist re-presents the sacrifice of Christ, thus is a primary sacrament of reconciliation. Today we will focus on the Eucharistic symbols of bread and wine and what we believe about those Eucharistic symbols in the life of the community.

SIN AND GRACE

Today's Gospel is reminder that all of us are sinners---those of us who think we are righteous and those of us who know we are not. God seeks out the lost. We are all lost without God. Today's liturgy is a reminder that we are all sinners, but God is greater than our sin and desires to give us the grace to endure. Today's extended session will focus on the Church's teaching regarding SIN AND GRACE.

CROSS OF CHRIST

The father in today's parable extends love that goes beyond the boundaries—a humiliating kind of love. He humiliates himself in order to demonstrate the love he has for his two sons. Jesus demonstrates even greater love as he hung naked on the cross—as he poured out his life for every sinner. We are saved by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Each of us is invited to join the calamities, sufferings and joys of our lives to the Paschal mystery of Christ. Today's session will address the Cross of Christ and the Paschal Mystery.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT A

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, & 10-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, & 34-38



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Sacrament of Baptism
Sin and Grace
Anointing of the Sick
Holy Orders

Catholic Social Teaching
Morality
Moral Decision Making
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

BAPTISM

Today's Gospel was a primary Scripture used to prepare ancient catechumens for baptism. Baptism was considered enlightenment. Christ is exalted as the Light of the World. Baptism was considered a move from darkness into the Light. The letter from Ephesians invites that same movement—from darkness into the Light. In today's first reading the appointment of David is resplendent with baptismal images...David was chosen by God and anointed into his service. It is thus most appropriate that that we focus our doctrinal session on the sacrament of BAPTISM.

IN AND GRACE

The man born blind is healed of his blindness in today's Gospel. It was believed that blindness was caused by the person's sin or the sin of the person's parents. Jesus challenged that belief, but in the process he lays bare the self-righteousness and arrogance of the Pharisees and reminds us to similarly turn away from the blindness in our lives. It is thus most fitting that we focus our attention on SIN AND GRACE.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Jesus heals the man born blind in today's Gospel. He spit on the ground and made a mud paste with his spittle. He rubbed the spittle on the man's eyes and the man's eyes were opened. The sacraments continue Jesus' healing ministry today. Jesus used mud made with spittle; today the priest uses oil to anoint the person in need of healing. The healing of the blind man is a fitting occasion to focus our attention on the sacrament of ANOINTING OF THE SICK.

HOLY ORDERS

David is anointed for leadership. God chose him to lead the people of Israel. Just as the anointing of the priest at ordination for priestly service, David was anointed for service and would become a great King. The story of David is an appropriate segue into a focus on the sacrament of HOLY ORDERS.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Blind people were considered blind as a result of sin. It was believed that anyone who did not possess bodily wholeness was unclean and thus not fit for inclusion in the community. Jesus challenges such exclusive barriers and restored people to full membership and dignity in the community. Catholic Social Teaching upholds the dignity of every human person and exposes those barriers of exclusivity. It is thus fitting that today's session focuses on CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING.

MORALITY

Turning away from darkness and into the Light is a definition of what it means to live the moral life. The blindness of the Pharisees stands in contrast to the conversion of heart of the blind man. The Pharisees were steeped in arrogant self-righteousness. They were unable to truly live the moral life as they were closed to the holy fire of conversion in their lives. Living the moral life is a commitment to intimate relationship with God. A person embraces the Law of God in response to the gratuitous love God has shown to us. Lent and this Gospel are both appropriate occasions to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about morality.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The liturgies of Lent are an invitation to deep, interior conversion. The Church continues Jesus' saving reconciling mission through the sacraments. The remedy for humanity's sin today can be found in the sacrament of Eucharist which re-presents God's saving mission on the cross, and the sacrament of reconciliation. The sacrament of reconciliation is a celebration of God's incredible mercy extended to sinners. It is thus fitting that today our doctrinal session will focus on the sacrament of RECONCILIATION.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT C
First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel: John 8:1-11



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Morality

Moral Decision Making
Sin and Grace

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the index of doctrinal topics and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Lent is a time we focus on the areas of sin in our lives and our need for God's mercy. It is also a time when the church offers multiple opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. The sacrament of reconciliation brings us out of the darkness into the Light of Christ. Jesus offers forgiveness to the adulterous woman in today's Gospel. He challenges her accusers not to sit in judgment. He offers her incredible mercy. The sacrament of reconciliation continues Jesus' reconciling, healing ministry for us today. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

MORALITY

Today's liturgy is an invitation to consider the moral life. Yes, the adulterous woman was a sinner. Jesus did not deny her sin; he challenged it, offered forgiveness and saved her life. The Pharisees were culpable of sin in that they sat in judgment of the woman. We are all called to live the moral life. It is important that we take time out during Lent to discover what that means for our lives. Thus today's session will focus on Christian Morality.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

Today's liturgy is an invitation to consider the decisions we make and if they are in conformity with the Gospel. Making moral decisions is about right choices. The woman did not make the right choice, nor did her accusers. Jesus always extends his unfathomable mercy. The Church, however, guides us in our responsibility to make appropriate choices for our lives. Today's session will focus on Moral Decision Making.

SIN AND GRACE

Today's Gospel uncovers the sin of the adulterous woman and the sin of the Pharisees who sat in judgment of her. Lent is a time when we consider the sins in our lives. Today is an extended reflection not just on the sin in our lives, but the antidote to sin that is grace. Today's session will address sin, our need for God's mercy and the mercy given through the gift of God's self—GRACE. Our extended session will focus on Sin and Grace.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT A

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, & 33-45



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Baptism

Symbols of Bread and Wine

*Eschatology, Heaven, Hell and
Purgatory*

Morality

Moral Decision Making

Life Issues

Revelation I or II

Jesus Christ

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

BAPTISM

Today's Gospel was a premier Scripture used to prepare ancient catechumens for baptism. Baptism was/is understood as participation into Christ's death; we die and rise with Christ. Lazarus was brought back to new life in Christ. We are all brought from death to life through the sacrament of baptism. It is thus most appropriate that we focus our doctrinal session on the sacrament of BAPTISM.

SYMBOLS OF BREAD AND WINE

The sacrament of Eucharist incorporates us into the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. When we break the bread and drink from the cup we too commit to allow our bodies to be broken for Christ and our blood to be spilled for the sake of the kingdom. The story of Lazarus is an invitation to embrace the cycle of death and resurrection. Every Eucharistic liturgy is a similar invitation. Eucharist is the ultimate sacrament of initiation. Eucharist incorporates us into the Body of Christ. As the Easter Vigil fast approaches it is most fitting that we focus our attention on the SYMBOLS OF BREAD AND WINE.

MORALITY

Turning away from death dealing sin is the focus of today's Gospel. Death was understood as complete alienation of God and of life. Jesus resurrects the notion of death, transforms it and does not allow it to have the last word. Death was understood as punishment for sin. Jesus redeems us from the ravages of death. Since death no longer

has power over us, we are called to live the moral life in response to all God has done for us. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about morality.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

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LIFE ISSUES

Today story of Lazarus resurrection from the dead is an invitation for believers to honor and celebrate life—to see it as sacred. The resurrection of Lazarus is a story that upholds the sanctity and dignity of life. If we uphold every person's equality and dignity in the eyes of God we must hold and uphold that all life is sacred—from womb to tomb. Thus today is an appropriate time to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about LIFE since Jesus presents us with a blueprint for living it to the fullest. Today's doctrinal session will focus on LIFE ISSUES.

REVELATION I or II

Every Sunday is an appropriate time to focus our attention on God's manifestation to the world through Sacred Scripture. Jesus manifests his divine power in today's Gospel. Jesus reveals God to the witnesses of Lazarus' resurrection. God and Jesus continue to be revealed to us through his Word. Today's liturgy is an invitation to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about REVELATION.

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus reveals his divinity in today's Gospel. The raising of Lazarus' foreshadows his own death and resurrection. Today is an appropriate occasion to reflect on what the Church teaches about JESUS CHRIST.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The liturgies of Lent are an invitation to deep, interior conversion. The Church continues Jesus' saving reconciling mission through the sacraments. The remedy for humanity's sin today can be found in the sacrament of Eucharist which re-presents God's saving mission on the cross, and the sacrament of reconciliation. The sacrament of reconciliation is a celebration of God's incredible mercy extended to sinners. It is thus fitting that today our doctrinal session will focus on the sacrament of RECONCILIATION.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION C

Entrance Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Cross of Christ Sacraments

Overview of Triduum

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the index of doctrinal topics and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

CROSS OF CHRIST

Today's liturgy is an extended meditation on the cross of Christ. Let us continue our reflection on the cross of Christ in our extended session today. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST.

SACRAMENTS

Every sacrament makes present the Paschal Mystery of Christ. In other words, every sacrament brings before us Christ's sacrificial death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead. We remember and make present those saving events in every sacramental celebration. Thus today's extended session will focus on the SACRAMENTS of the Church.

OVERVIEW OF TRIDUUM (see below)

Today's extended session will focus on the outline you have just been given that expresses what we are about to celebrate in the liturgies of Holy Week.

EASTER SEASON

EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles. 10:34 & 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Gospel: John 20:1-9



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Eucharist Series:

part I: Introductory Rites

part II: Liturgy of the Word

part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist

part IV: Communion Rite

Sacraments

Symbols of Bread and Wine

Sacrament of Baptism

Evangelization

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the index of doctrinal topics and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

EUCCHARIST SERIES: Part I

Easter is to the year what Sunday is to the week. Our premier celebration of the Paschal Mystery—the life, passion, death, resurrection, ascension sending of the Spirit is made manifest and re-presented for us in the Eucharistic liturgy. For the next four weeks we will break open the four parts of the Mass. Today we will start with the Introductory Rites of the Mass.

SACRAMENTS

The Paschal Mystery is made manifest in the Easter season. Easter is an appropriate time to reflect on the way in which Jesus continues his saving mission in the midst of his absence. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of
SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Last night at the Easter vigil we baptized new Christians. Easter is a time of reflection on the baptism of new converts to Christianity and the renewal of our baptism at this time of year. Through baptism we die and rise with Christ. It is an appropriate Easter reflection especially as we renew the promises we made or that were made for us at baptism.

SYMBOLS OF BREAD AND WINE

Jesus continues to be present to us through the Eucharistic elements of bread and wine in the Eucharistic liturgy. Every celebration of the Eucharist is an Easter event. Thus, today we will focus our attention on the symbols of Christ's ongoing presence in the Mass—bread and wine.

EVANGELIZATION

Peter professes faith in the living Christ. We are all called to express Easter faith. Today's liturgy is an invitation to recommit to the Gospel's imperative to go and share the Good News and baptize all nations. Thus today we will focus on our baptismal responsibility to go out and evangelize the world.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER C

First Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11, 12-13, & 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Eucharist Series:

part I: Introductory Rites

part II: Liturgy of the Word

part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist

part IV, Communion Rite

Salvation

Sacraments

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Baptism

Incarnation

Revelation I

Revelation II

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the index of doctrinal topics and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

EUCCHARIST SERIES: Part II

Easter is to the year what Sunday is to the week. Our premier celebration of the Paschal Mystery—the life, passion, death, resurrection, ascension sending of the Spirit is made manifest and re-presented for us in the Eucharistic liturgy. Today we will focus on part II, the Liturgy of the Word.

SACRAMENTS

The Paschal Mystery is made manifest in the Easter season. Easter is an appropriate time to reflect on the way in which Jesus continues his saving mission in the midst of his absence. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of SACRAMENTS.

SALVATION

The Easter season manifests the salvation won by Christ's victory over sin and death. Easter is an appropriate time to reflect on Christ's saving mission. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of SALVATION.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Divine Mercy Sunday is a most appropriate Sunday to focus on the sacrament of reconciliation. Not only is the mercy theme of this Sunday an appropriate theme, the Gospel for today's liturgy is the basis and foundation of the sacrament. Thus, today we will focus on the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Easter season is a time of reflection on the baptism of new converts to Christianity and the renewal of our baptism. Through baptism we die and rise with Christ. It is an appropriate Easter reflection especially as we renew the promises we made or that were made for us at baptism. Thus, the doctrinal session today will focus on the sacrament of BAPTISM.

INCARNATION

Jesus' Incarnation continues after his death and resurrection in his post-resurrection appearances. While Jesus' death and resurrection is the key to salvation, it never could have happened without the mystery of the INCARNATION. Because of the INCARNATION all creation is sanctified. Because of his death and resurrection we are given access to God's life that came down to earth. The INCARNATION is a topic that is mostly addressed at Christmas, but Easter is another appropriate time to re-focus our attention on its implication. Thus, today our doctrinal session will be: THE INCARNATION.

REVELATION Part I

What better time is there than Easter season to focus our attention on God's revelation to humanity? The second reading particularly focuses on God's revelation. Today begins the two part series on REVELATION.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER C

First Reading: Acts 5: 27-32 & 40-41

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19 OR 21:1-14



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Eucharist Series:

part I: Introductory Rites

part II: Liturgy of the Word

part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist

part IV, Communion Rite

Sacraments

Cross/Paschal Mystery

Symbols of Bread and Wine

Evangelization

Church

Sacrament of Baptism

Revelation II

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

EUCCHARIST SERIES: Part III

Easter is to the year what Sunday is to the week. Our premier celebration of the Paschal Mystery—the life, passion, death, resurrection, ascension sending of the Spirit is made manifest and re-presented for us in the Eucharistic liturgy. Today we will focus on part III, the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

SACRAMENTS

The Paschal Mystery is made manifest in the Easter season. Easter is an appropriate time to reflect on the way in which Jesus continues his saving mission in the midst of his absence. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of SACRAMENTS.

CROSS/PASCHAL MYSTERY

The Paschal Mystery is made manifest in the Easter season. Easter is an appropriate time to reflect on the mystery of Christ's death, resurrection, ascension and sending of the Spirit to which we are given access in the liturgy. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the CROSS AND PASCHAL MYSTERY.

SYMBOLS OF BREAD AND WINE

The Paschal Mystery is made manifest in the Easter season. Easter is an appropriate time to reflect on the mystery of Christ's death, resurrection, ascension and sending of the Spirit to which we are given access in the liturgy. We experience the paschal mystery of Christ in the Eucharistic liturgy in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the Eucharistic cup. Thus today's doctrinal session will focus on the **SYMBOLS OF BREAD AND WINE**—the symbols of the Eucharist.

EVANGELIZATION

Today's Gospel is a mandate to go out and establish the kingdom of God and preach the Good News to all nations. The Church teaches us what we need to know about this very worthy enterprise. Today's session will focus on **EVANGELIZATION**.

CHURCH

Today's Gospel affirms Peter as Shepherd of Jesus' flock. The Acts of the Apostles relates the story of the development of the fledgling Church. It logically flows that today's liturgy invites further reflection on the **CHURCH**. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of **CHURCH** and its **STRUCTURE**.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Easter season is a time of reflection on the baptism of new converts to Christianity and the renewal of our baptism. Through baptism we die and rise with Christ. It is an appropriate Easter reflection especially as we renew the promises we made or that were made for us at baptism. Thus, the doctrinal session today will focus on the sacrament of **BAPTISM**.

REVELATION Part II

What better time is there than Easter season to focus our attention on God's revelation to humanity? The second reading particularly focuses on God's revelation. Today is the second in a two part series on **REVELATION**.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER C
First Reading: Acts 13:14 & 43-52
Second Reading: Revelation 7:9 & 14-17
Gospel: John 10:27-30



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Eucharist Series:

part I: Introductory Rites

part II: Liturgy of the Word

part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist

part IV, Communion Rite

Sacraments

Salvation

Symbols of Bread and Wine

Evangelization

Ecumenism

Church

Revelation I or II

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

EUCHARIST SERIES: Part IV

Easter is to the year what Sunday is to the week. Our premier celebration of the Paschal Mystery—the life, passion, death, resurrection, ascension sending of the Spirit is made manifest and re-presented for us in the Eucharistic liturgy. Today we will focus on part IV, the Communion Rite.

SACRAMENTS

The Paschal Mystery is made manifest in the Easter season. Easter is an appropriate time to reflect on the way in which Jesus continues his saving mission in the midst of his absence. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of SACRAMENTS.

SALVATION

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who came to save the world from sin. He lays down his life for his sheep. This salvation was ordained since the beginning of the world and it is fulfilled in the Christ event. Today's session will focus on salvation.

SYMBOLS OF BREAD AND WINE

The Paschal Mystery is made manifest in the Easter season. Easter is an appropriate time to reflect on the mystery of Christ's death, resurrection, ascension and sending of the Spirit to which we are given access in the liturgy. We experience the paschal mystery of Christ in the Eucharistic liturgy in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the Eucharistic cup. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. We share in the broken Body of the Lamb at every Eucharistic feast. Thus today's doctrinal session will focus on the **SYMBOLS OF BREAD AND WINE**—the symbols of the Eucharist.

EVANGELIZATION

Today's first reading is a reminder that we like Paul are called to go out and preach the Good News. We are called to go out and establish the kingdom of God and preach the Good News to all nations. The Church teaches us what we need to know about this very worthy enterprise. Today's session will focus on **EVANGELIZATION**.

CHURCH

Today's Gospel affirms Jesus as the Good Shepherd. He is the Shepherd of his flock, the Church. Throughout the Easter season the Acts of the Apostles relates the story of the development of the fledgling Church. It logically flows that today's liturgy invites further reflection on the **CHURCH**. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of **CHURCH** and its **STRUCTURE**.

ECUMENISM

Paul set out to evangelize Israel. Israel rejected the message. Paul then took his message to the Gentiles—to the entire world. We are called to foster a spirit of Christian unity when it comes to the universal message of salvation in Christ. Thus, today's session will focus on ecumenism.

REVELATION Part I or II

What better time is there than Easter season to focus our attention on God's revelation to humanity? The second reading particularly focuses on God's revelation. Today's session will focus on God's revelation.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER C

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-33 & 34-35



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Jesus Christ
Holy Spirit
Sacraments
Sacrament of Baptism
Salvation
Church

Revelation I or II
Eucharist Series:
part I: Introductory Rites
part II: Liturgy of the Word
part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist
part IV, Communion Rite

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus promises to be with his people until the end of time. He expresses his intimate love for his disciples and reminds us to love one another as he loves us. It is thus fitting that we explore further what the Church teaches about JESUS CHRIST.

HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus reminds his disciples that he will send the Paraclete in his absence. His Spirit will guide and strengthen the disciples and the Christian community after Jesus' death. Thus, today, the doctrinal focus will be the Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENTS

The Paschal Mystery is made manifest in the Easter season. The Holy Spirit is manifest in all the sacraments of the Church. It is the Spirit that causes the sacramental change in every element of every sacrament. Jesus promises to send his Holy Spirit to be with the Church in his absence. That presence continues in the sacraments. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of SACRAMENTS.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We are saved by God's love [Gospel] and we are saved by God's presence to us through the joys and the sorrows of our lives. The vehicle for that saving grace is Baptism. Easter season is a good time to reflect on the Holy Spirit who has been given to us in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, the sacraments of initiation—the sacraments that make present the paschal mystery of Christ. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to be with the Church in his absence. That presence is manifest to us most particularly in the sacraments of initiation. Thus today we will focus our attention on BAPTISM.

SALVATION

Easter is a time we meditate upon the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation accomplished through the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Jesus' leaves us his ongoing plan of salvation when he tells his disciples that he will send the Paraclete to be with us in his absence. The first reading also focuses on God's plan of salvation. Thus, today we will focus on the doctrinal teaching regarding SALVATION.

SYMBOLS OF BREAD AND WINE

The Paschal Mystery is made manifest in the Easter season. Easter is an appropriate time to reflect on the mystery of Christ's death, resurrection, ascension and sending of the Spirit to which we are given access in the liturgy. We experience the paschal mystery of Christ in the Eucharistic liturgy in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the Eucharistic cup. Thus today's doctrinal session will focus on the SYMBOLS OF BREAD AND WINE—the symbols of the Eucharist.

CHURCH

Jesus tells us he will send the Paraclete to be with the Church in his absence. Throughout the Easter season the Acts of the Apostles relates the story of the development of the fledgling Church. It logically flows that today's liturgy invites further reflection on the CHURCH. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of CHURCH and its STRUCTURE.

REVELATION Part I or II

What better time is there than Easter season to focus our attention on God's revelation to humanity? The second reading particularly focuses on God's revelation. Today's session will focus on God's revelation.

EUCCHARIST SERIES:

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER C

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2 & 22-29

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14 & 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Holy Spirit
Sacraments
Sacrament of Baptism
Salvation
Church
Revelation I or II

Eucharist Series:
part I: Introductory Rites
part II: Liturgy of the Word
part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist
part IV, Communion Rite

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus reminds his disciples that he will send the Paraclete in his absence. His Spirit will guide and strengthen the disciples and the Christian community after Jesus' death. Thus, today, the doctrinal focus will be the Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENTS

The Paschal Mystery is made manifest in the Easter season. The Holy Spirit is manifest in all the sacraments of the Church. It is the Spirit that causes the sacramental change in every element of every sacrament. Jesus promises to send his Holy Spirit to be with the Church in his absence. That presence continues in the sacraments. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of SACRAMENTS.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We are saved by God's love [Gospel] and we are saved by God's presence to us through the joys and the sorrows of our lives. The vehicle for that saving grace is Baptism. Easter season is a good time to reflect on the Holy Spirit who has been given to us in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, the sacraments of initiation—the sacraments that make present the paschal mystery of Christ. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to be with the Church in his absence. That presence is manifest to us most particularly in the sacraments of initiation. Thus today we will focus our attention on BAPTISM.

SALVATION

Easter is a time we meditate upon the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation accomplished through the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Jesus' leaves us his ongoing plan of salvation when he tells his disciples that he will send the Paraclete to be with us in his absence. The first reading also focuses on God's plan of salvation. Thus, today we will focus on the doctrinal teaching regarding SALVATION.

SYMBOLS OF BREAD AND WINE

The Paschal Mystery is made manifest in the Easter season. Easter is an appropriate time to reflect on the mystery of Christ's death, resurrection, ascension and sending of the Spirit to which we are given access in the liturgy. We experience the paschal mystery of Christ in the Eucharistic liturgy in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the Eucharistic cup. Thus today's doctrinal session will focus on the SYMBOLS OF BREAD AND WINE—the symbols of the Eucharist.

CHURCH

Jesus tells us he will send the Paraclete to be with the Church in his absence. Throughout the Easter season the Acts of the Apostles relates the story of the development of the fledgling Church. It logically flows that today's liturgy invites further reflection on the CHURCH. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of CHURCH and its STRUCTURE.

REVELATION Part I or II

What better time is there than Easter season to focus our attention on God's revelation to humanity? The second reading particularly focuses on God's revelation. Today's session will focus on God's revelation.

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD C

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles: 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Evangelization

Baptism

Prayer

The Church and Ecclesiology

Church Structure

Holy Spirit

Sacraments

Salvation

Revelation I or II

Eucharist Series:

part I: Introductory Rites

part II: Liturgy of the Word

part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist

part IV, Communion Rite

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

EVANGELIZATION

Jesus gives the divine commission to his disciples and ascends to his Father. We are called to go forth and share what Jesus has given us with those still asleep to his life within. Thus, the focus of today's doctrinal session will be what the Church teaches us about EVANGELIZATION.

BAPTISM

Jesus gives us the commission to go forth and baptize all nations. We are to share Christ's divine life with others. Baptism gives us access to Christ's ongoing life in the world---presence in absence. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the sacrament of baptism.

PRAYER

The letter to the Ephesians reminds us of the brilliant light of Christ that dwells within each and every one of us. We become aware of that light through our commitment to prayer. Thus, today our doctrinal focus will be on PRAYER.

CHURCH AND ECCLESIOLOGY

Jesus invites his disciples into union with his Father and with one another. He promises to be with the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Acts of the Apostles

focuses on the age of the church. The Church is commissioned to go forth. Today we will focus on the Church and what we mean by Ecclesiology.

CHURCH STRUCTURE

Jesus invites his disciples into union with his Father and with one another. He promises to be with the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Acts of the Apostles focuses on the age of the church. The Church is commissioned to go forth. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the structure of the Church.

HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus reminds his disciples that he will send the Paraclete in his absence. His Spirit will guide and strengthen the disciples and the Christian community after Jesus' death. Thus, today, the doctrinal focus will be the Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENTS

Jesus is present to us in the sacraments. Jesus promises to send his Spirit to go forth with his community of believers as they establish the reign of God in the world. We are strengthened to go forth through our participation in the sacraments. Christ's presence and union continues through the generations in the sacraments. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of SACRAMENTS.

SALVATION

Easter is a time we meditate upon the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation accomplished through the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Salvation history comes to fulfillment in Christ, especially now that he has ascended to his Father. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal teaching regarding SALVATION.

REVELATION Part I or II

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EUCCHARIST SERIES:

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER C

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, & 20

Gospel: John 17:20-26



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Prayer

The Church and Ecclesiology

Holy Spirit

Sacraments

Salvation

Church Structure

Revelation I or II

Eucharist Series:

part I: Introductory Rites

part II: Liturgy of the Word

part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist

part IV, Communion Rite

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PRAYER

Jesus invites us deeply into the intimacy he shares with his Father. He prays that we might enter more deeply into union with his Father. Prayer was the hallmark of Jesus' life and he invites us into its power and purpose. Thus, today we will explore the doctrinal theme of PRAYER.

CHURCH AND ECCLESIOLOGY

Jesus invites his disciples into union with his Father and with one another. He promises to be with the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit. Steven, the first martyr in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us what it means to be a disciple--- what it means to be church. To be a disciple, to live as Church, means we are to embrace the paschal mystery of Christ. Thus, today the doctrinal focus will be the Church and Ecclesiology.

HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus reminds his disciples that he will send the Paraclete in his absence. His Spirit will guide and strengthen the disciples and the Christian community after Jesus' death. Thus, today, the doctrinal focus will be the Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENTS

Jesus is present to us in the sacraments. Jesus promises presence and intimate union with his Father in today's Gospel from John. That presence and union continues through the generations in the sacraments. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of SACRAMENTS.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We are saved by God's love and we are saved by God's presence to us through the joys and the sorrows of our lives. The vehicle for that saving grace is Baptism. Easter season is a good time to reflect on the Holy Spirit who has been given to us in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, the sacraments of initiation—the sacraments that make present the paschal mystery of Christ. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to be with the Church in his absence. That presence is manifest to us most particularly in the sacraments of initiation. Thus today we will focus our attention on BAPTISM.

SALVATION

Easter is a time we meditate upon the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation accomplished through the Paschal Mystery of Christ. John's Gospel reminds us that the Father sent his Son to save the world. Jesus' leaves us his ongoing plan of salvation when he tells his disciples that he will send the Paraclete to be with us in his absence. Thus, today we will focus on the doctrinal teaching regarding SALVATION.

CHURCH STRUCTURE

Jesus tells us he will send the Paraclete to be with the Church in his absence. Throughout the Easter season the Acts of the Apostles relates the story of the development of the fledgling Church. It logically flows that today's liturgy invites further reflection on the CHURCH. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of CHURCH and its STRUCTURE.

REVELATION Part I or II

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EUCHARIST SERIES:

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7 & 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23



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Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Holy Spirit

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Evangelization

Baptism

The Church and Ecclesiology

Church Structure

Holy Orders

Eucharist Series:

part I: Introductory Rites

part II: Liturgy of the Word

part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist

part IV, Communion Rite

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus extends reconciling peace, and gifts the gathered disciples with his Spirit. Pentecost is a most appropriate day to focus our attention on the Holy Spirit. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal teaching regarding the HOLY SPIRIT.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Jesus extends peace and reconciling forgiveness. He sent the disciples out with the mandate to continue to forgive sins in his name. The Church uses this Scripture as Biblical authority for the sacrament of reconciliation. Thus, today we will focus our attention on the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

EVANGELIZATION

Jesus gifts the disciples with his Holy Spirit, gives them the power to forgive sins and empowers them for mission. We are called to go forth and share what Jesus has given us with those still asleep to his life within. Thus, the focus of today's doctrinal session will be what the Church teaches us about EVANGELIZATION.

BAPTISM

Jesus reminds his disciples that they will go forth to continue his saving mission in the world. He reminds them that post-baptismal sins are to be forgiven in the community. He sends them with a mandate to go out to the world with the Christian kerygma. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the sacrament of baptism.

CHURCH AND ECCLESIOLOGY

Pentecost has been called the birthday of the Church. It is most appropriate that we focus our attention on the doctrine of the Church. Jesus invites his disciples into union with his Father and with one another. He promises to be with the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Church is commissioned to go forth. Today we will focus on the Church and what we mean by Ecclesiology.

CHURCH STRUCTURE

Jesus invites his disciples to go forth in the power of the Spirit. He promises to be with the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Church is commissioned to go forth. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the structure of the Church.

HOLY ORDERS

Jesus gives the power to forgive sins to the Apostles in today's Gospel. That ministry continues today in the sacrament of Holy Orders. Today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of HOLY ORDERS.

EUCCHARIST SERIES:

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SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-12



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Scripture and Revelation Part I

Scripture and Revelation Part II

Sacraments

Miracles

Salvation

Creed

Jesus Christ

Church and Ecclesiology

Eucharist Series:

part I: Introductory Rites

part II: Liturgy of the Word

part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist

part IV, Communion Rite

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

SCRIPTURE AND REVELATION PART I or PART II

In today's Gospel Jesus begins his public ministry and reveals the mind and the heart of God. The new wine he came to bring is the revelation of God through his teaching and the kingdom he came to establish. Jesus Christ is also revealed to us through Sacred Scripture. It is thus appropriate that we focus our doctrinal session today on Sacred Scripture and Revelation Part I or Part II.

SACRAMENTS

Jesus performed a sacramental action when he changed the water into wine. He was present to his community in the action he performed and the action itself embodied the truth of who he was. Through the sacraments his divine life and energy is communicated to us just as he communicated eternal truths to the disciples in this first public miracle. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention today on what the Church teaches about sacraments.

MIRACLES

John's Gospel is a Gospel of signs intended to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of all the Messianic prophecies of Scriptures. He is the long awaited Messiah—God's Son who came to save the world. His miracles reveal his identity and the purpose of God. The Church is very definite in its teaching about miracles—how we should approach them and what they mean to us. Since Jesus' action in today's Gospel is a miracle it is only fitting that today we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about MIRACLES.

SALVATION

Jesus demonstrates that he has come to fulfill the rites of the Temple and to supersede them. He offers the new wine of his teaching. He was there to usher in the salvation God had promised. Jesus Christ, Savior of the World. We get a glimpse of the early days of his mission in today's Gospel. Today's session will address the Church's teaching on SALVATION.

CREED

Today's liturgy affirms our belief in Jesus, the Messiah. He came to bring salvation to the world. He came to bring eternal truth to the world. He came to teach us the truths of the universe. Today Jesus taught them an eternal truth about his new covenant. The Church continues to teach truths that Christ revealed to us. The Church teaches us the foundational truths of Christianity--beliefs that are proclaimed in the Creed we profess every Sunday in the Eucharistic Liturgy. It is thus fitting that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about the CREED.

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus is the long awaited messiah—the messiah of the new kingdom he came to establish—not a political kingdom rooted in power, possessions and prestige, but one rooted in life with God. Jesus reminded his disciples that the new wine he came to bring replaced the old wine of the former covenant. Jesus is the Savior of the World. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on that Messiah who promises eternal life and died for us to ensure it. It is thus fitting that we focus our attention on JESUS CHRIST.

CHURCH

Today's second reading reminds us that we are all to work together to build up the Body of Christ. It is a perfect springboard for a doctrinal session which focuses on what the Church teaches about CHURCH AND ECCLESIOLOGY.

EUCCHARIST SERIES:

Our premier celebration of the Paschal Mystery—the life, passion, death, resurrection, ascension sending of the Spirit is made manifest and re-presented for us in the Eucharistic liturgy. This week we continue the series on the Mass. Today we will focus on part ____ of the Eucharistic Series.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, & 8-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 OR 12:14 & 27

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4, & 14-21



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Salvation
Jesus Christ
Kingdom of God
Evangelization

Baptism
Revelation

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the index of doctrinal topics and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

SALVATION

Jesus tells his audience in the synagogue that the Messiah they had been waiting for had finally arrived and that he was that Messiah. He was there to usher in the salvation God had promised. Jesus Christ, Savior of the World. We get a glimpse of the early days of his mission in today's Gospel. Sadly the Messiah they were looking for is not the Messiah they received. Many missed what God was doing right under their noses. We are saved by the power of his sacrifice. Jesus continues to save us. Today's session will address the Church's teaching on SALVATION.

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus told the gathered assembly in the synagogue that he was the long awaited Messiah. He inaugurates his saving mission. It is an appropriate time to reflect on the fullness of Jesus and his mission. Thus today we will focus our doctrinal session on JESUS CHRIST.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus told the gathered assembly in the synagogue that he was the long awaited Messiah. He inaugurates his saving mission. He inaugurates the kingdom he came to establish. He reminds them of the kingdom God promised with the advent of the Messiah. It is an appropriate time to reflect on the fullness of Jesus and his mission. Thus today we will focus our doctrinal session on the KINGDOM OF GOD.

EVANGELIZATION

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God as he preached in the synagogue. Jesus inaugurates his saving mission as he reminds the community that he is the long awaited Messiah. The implication for us is that we are to continue to establish his kingdom in our midst as we too proclaim the Good News and tell the wonders of the kingdom. Each of us is called to evangelize the world. Thus today's extended session will address the doctrinal issue of EVANGELIZATION.

BAPTISM

Today's liturgy remembers and makes present the inauguration of Jesus ministry. He tells the gathered assembly that he is the long awaited Messiah who has come to establish the kingdom. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on baptism that incorporates us into the kingdom he came to establish. Today's extended doctrinal session will focus on the sacrament of BAPTISM.

REVELATION I or II

Jesus told the gathered assembly in the synagogue that he was the long awaited Messiah. He preached the Scriptures to them. He revealed God's saving plan for the world. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on God's revelation to the world through Sacred Scripture.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5 & 17-19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 OR 13:4-13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Salvation

Creed

Miracles

Kingdom of God

Catholic Social Teaching

Morality

Moral Decision Making

Jesus Christ

Sacraments

Eucharist Series:

part I: Introductory Rites

part II: Liturgy of the Word

part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist

part IV, Communion Rite

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

SALVATION

Jesus tells his audience in the synagogue that the Messiah they had been waiting for had finally arrived and that he was that Messiah. He was there to usher in the salvation God had promised. Jesus Christ, Savior of the World. We get a glimpse of the early days of his mission in today's Gospel. Sadly the Messiah they were looking for is not the Messiah they received. Many missed what God was doing right under their noses. We are saved by the power of his sacrifice. Jesus continues to save us. Today's session will address the Church's teaching on SALVATION.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Today's liturgy reminds us that Jesus came to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy that God would establish his kingdom on earth and that the Messiah would be sent to bring salvation. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention today on the KINGDOM OF GOD.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Paul's catechism on love and Jesus reminder that the kingdom of God had arrived is an excellent opportunity to focus our attention on what the Church means when it tells us that we are to live according to the norms set forth by Christ in the gospel. In Jesus' kingdom all are welcome. All people possess dignity as children of God. All people are

entitled to Christian charity. It is thus fitting that we focus our attention today on CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING.

MIRACLES

The people of Nazareth cared little about where Jesus received his authority. They only wanted to be amazed and benefit from the miracles they had heard about. The Church is very definite in its teaching about miracles—how we should approach them and what they mean to us. It is thus fitting that today we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about MIRACLES.

CREED

Today's liturgy affirms our belief in Jesus, the Messiah. He came to bring salvation to the world. He came to bring God's word to the world. He came to teach us the truths of the universe. He began by teaching in the synagogue. The Church teaches us the foundational truths of Christianity—the Christianity he died to establish. Christ's salvific resurrection from the dead, and our own overall belief in the afterlife. Such beliefs are foundational Christian truths and as such are proclaimed in the Creed we profess every Sunday in the Eucharistic Liturgy. It is thus fitting that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about the CREED.

MORALITY

As we focus our attention on Jesus' announcement that the Messiah had indeed arrived and as we listen to Paul instruct his community on what it means to love in the Christian, communal sense, it is fitting that we focus our attention on what it means to live the moral life. We love as Jesus taught us to love when we sincerely strive to live moral lives. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about MORALITY.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

As we focus our attention on Jesus' announcement that the Messiah had indeed arrived and as we listen to Paul instruct his community on what it means to love in the Christian, communal sense, it is fitting that we focus our attention on what it means to live the moral life. We love as Jesus taught us to love when we sincerely strive to live moral lives. We live moral lives when we make right choices--when we choose to love. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about MORAL DECISION MAKING.

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus is the long awaited messiah—the messiah of the new kingdom he came to establish—not a political kingdom rooted in power, possessions and prestige, but one rooted in life with God. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on that Messiah who promises eternal life and died for us to ensure it. It is thus fitting that we focus our attention on JESUS CHRIST.

SACRAMENTS

Jesus tells the people that he is their long awaited Messiah. He came to work his miraculous deeds and to illustrate that God was with the people. His desire to be with us continues in the sacraments of the Church. Christ's ministry is remembered and his presence is made manifest in the various sacraments. It is thus appropriate that today we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about SACRAMENTS.

EUCCHARIST SERIES:

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2 & 3-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 OR 15:3-8 & 11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Evangelization

Miracles

Salvation/Soteriology

Baptism

Incarnation

Moral Decision Making

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the index of doctrinal topics and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

EVANGELIZATION

Both Isaiah and Peter were called for the purpose of evangelizing the world. Both would have very powerful ministries of evangelization. When God calls us we can always expect God wants us to evangelize others---to share our faith with the world. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the implications of God's call. Each of us is called to evangelize the world. Thus today's extended session will address the doctrinal issue of EVANGELIZATION.

MIRACLES

Luke often used the vehicle of miracles to bring people to initial conversion in Christ. Miracles were the catalyst that opened people's eyes to really encounter the Christ. Peter experienced his own ah-ha moment when Jesus brought about the big catch of fish. Peter realized for the first time just who Jesus really was. Today's liturgy invites a reflection on the role of MIRACLES in Christian life--what we believe about them, their intended purpose, etc. Today's doctrinal extended session will focus on what the Church teaches us about MIRACLES.

SALVATION/SOTERIOLOGY

Today's liturgy is a proclamation of the saving mission of Christ. Jesus' miraculous call of Peter and the Apostles sets in motion his plan of salvation. Today's story not only proclaims the Christ who has come, but also looks toward the fulfillment of his mission—

the future cross and resurrection. The first Apostle will have a significant role in God's plan of salvation. Today's doctrinal extended session will focus on what the Church teaches about SALVATION.

BAPTISM

Today's liturgy is a series of calls. God calls, and the prophet, the preacher, and the first Apostle respond and say, "Yes." Baptism is our first call. Through baptism we are called to be priest to serve God's people, prophet to proclaim the word of God in word and deed, and king to lead people to Christ. It is the mission of Isaiah, Paul and Peter in today's liturgy. Today's extended doctrinal session will focus on the sacrament of baptism—the sacrament that continues to invite us to respond to our baptismal call.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

Paul chastised his beloved community. He called them to accountability. He acknowledged his own sinful past but very strongly and courageously stood for truth. He knew the moral thing to do. When God calls us he gives us the tools to make right decisions—moral decisions. The Church teaches us what we need to know in order to make a moral decision. Today's extended doctrinal session will focus on what constitutes a moral action and how we form a moral conscience.

INCARNATION

While most often the INCARNATION is a topic for the Christmas season, we are in the early days of the New Year and Christmas is still in our shadow. If it was not addressed during the Christmas season now would be a good time. Jesus' universal message of salvation, his healing, reconciling mission is made possible only because God sent his Son to save the world. Today Peter encounters the Christ—the One prophesied from of old—the Messiah and Lord of the universe. Without the Incarnation today's Gospel would not have taken place. Without the INCARNATION his saving mission would not be possible. Today's doctrinal extended session will focus on the mystery of the INCARNATION of Christ and the implications for our lives today.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12 & 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17 & 20-26



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

*Catholic Social Teaching
Moral Decision Making
Sin and Grace*

*Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sacraments*

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Jesus presents a radical Gospel of discipleship. He overturns the proverbial apple-carts of his day and insists that the poor enjoy equal status in the reign of God. He promises that all will have “enough” in the reign he came to establish. All believers who follow him and keep the new Law of Love will be blessed. The Beatitudes are the heart of that Law. Today's doctrinal extended session will address the issue of Catholic Social Teaching which is based on the equality of all peoples.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

Jesus exhorts his disciples to live a radical Gospel of love—to live the moral life. Woe to us when we don't. We are blest when we do. Disciples can do no less than follow the Law of Love enfolded for us in the Beatitudes. The Church teaches us what constitutes the moral life and how we are to form a moral conscience. Thus, today the doctrinal session will focus on the doctrinal issue of MORAL DECISION MAKING

SIN AND GRACE

Jesus exhorts us to follow his commands. What happens when we do not follow his directives? We sin. Just what are sin and its consequences? Today we will explore the issue of SIN and ultimately its antidote—God's forgiving GRACE in the person of Jesus Christ. Today's doctrinal session will focus on SIN AND GRACE.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

What happens when we do not live as Jesus exhorts his followers to live? We sin. All is not lost when we sin because we are given access to Jesus' reconciling presence in the sacrament of reconciliation. Thus, when we do not live according to the Beatitudes we have access to God's mercy in the sacrament of penance. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

SACRAMENTS

Today's liturgy Jesus sets forth the blue print for Christian discipleship. He tells us how we must respond to the reign of God in our midst. He teaches us how we must live. He does not leave us alone, however. He promises to be with us and strengthen us to live the life he calls us to live. Sacraments give us access to his presence. They strengthen us to go forth and establish the reign of God in our world. Today the doctrinal session will focus on the SACRAMENTS of THE CHURCH.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time C
First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, & 22-23
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Gospel: Luke 6:27-38



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Catholic Social Teaching
Salvation
Sacraments
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Morality
Moral Decision Making
Eucharist Series

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Gospel highlights Jesus' exhortation to love one another and to treat others with his healing and compassionate love. Jesus' sacrificial love is the cornerstone of Catholic Social teaching. It is thus fitting that we focus our doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING.

SALVATION

The Gospel highlights Jesus' exhortation to love one another and to reconcile—a hallmark of his saving ministry. It is thus fitting that we focus our doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about SALVATION/SOTERIOLOGY

SACRAMENTS

In today's Gospel Jesus expresses his wish that we extend to others the same love he has extended to us. Jesus' loving presence continues in the sacraments of the Church. It is thus appropriate that we focus our doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about SACRAMENTS.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Today's Gospel invites us to look at our behavior—is it loving or not? We are strengthened to live the law of love through our participation in the sacrament of reconciliation. Jesus forgives our sins and strengthens us to go out and love others as he loves us. It is thus appropriate that we focus our doctrinal session on what the Church

teaches about SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

MORALITY

Jesus teaches us to live the moral life. The moral life is based on love. Today Jesus reminds us of what it means to live the moral life. Jesus presents his catechism on how to live the moral life in the kingdom he came to establish. If we are to live the moral life we must understand the commitment we are making. It is thus important that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about MORALITY.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

Jesus teaches us to live the moral life. The moral life is based on love. Today Jesus reminds us of what it means to live the moral life. Jesus presents his catechism on how to live the moral life in the kingdom he came to establish. If we are to live the moral life we must understand the commitment we are making. It is thus important that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about MORAL DECISION MAKING.

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Salvation
Morality

Moral Decision Making
Jesus Christ
Eucharist Series

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Jesus' mission of salvation was primarily one of reconciliation. Today's Gospel reminds disciples not to judge others but to look at the sin in one's own life. Jesus' saving mission was one of liberating freedom. That liberation continues in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is thus fitting that we focus our doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

SALVATION

Jesus' mission of salvation was primarily one of reconciliation. Today's Gospel reminds disciples not to judge others but to look at the sin in one's own life. Jesus' saving mission was one of liberating freedom. Today he gives a blueprint for living the salvation he brought to the world. It is thus fitting that we focus our doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about SALVATION/SOTERIOLOGY

MORALITY

Jesus teaches us to live the moral life. The moral life is based on love. Today Jesus reminds us of what it means to live the moral life. We are not to judge others but we are to discern the areas of our own life in need of conversion. Jesus presents his catechism on how to live the moral life in the kingdom he came to establish. If we are to live the moral life we must understand the commitment we are making. It is thus important that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about MORALITY.

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JESUS CHRIST

Jesus teaches his disciples what it means to be a disciple. Jesus teaches his disciples what it means to live in the kingdom he came to establish. Just who is this Jesus and from where does his authority come? It is fitting that today we answer that question by focusing our attention on what the Church teaches about JESUS CHRIST.

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NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: 1 Kings 8:41-43

Second Reading: Galatians 1:1-2 & 6-10

Gospel: Luke 7:1-10



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Sacraments
Faith

Kingdom of God
Salvation
Eucharist Series

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Jesus' healed the centurion's servant. He was a good man and recognized Jesus' authority and his power to heal by his word alone. It is thus fitting that we focus our doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK.

SACRAMENTS

In today's Gospel Jesus extends his healing love to the centurion. The centurion experienced Jesus' healing action. That action continues in the sacraments of the Church. Jesus' loving presence continues in the sacraments of the Church. It is thus appropriate that we focus our doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about SACRAMENTS.

FAITH

Jesus was impressed by the centurion's faith. He calls each and every one of us to have similar faith. It is thus fitting that we consider what the Church teaches about FAITH.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Healing was a sign of the advent of the kingdom. Today Jesus healed the centurion's servant, thus announcing the reign of God. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about the KINGDOM OF GOD.

SALVATION

Salvation came to the centurion's house by his amazing faith in Jesus Christ. Salvation was offered and received. It was freely given and the centurion eagerly accepted Jesus' healing mission. It is thus fitting that we focus our doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about SALVATION/SOTERIOLOGY

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus teaches his disciples what it means to be a disciple. Jesus teaches his disciples what it means to live in the kingdom he came to establish. Just who is this Jesus and from where does his authority come? It is fitting that today we answer that question by focusing our attention on what the Church teaches about JESUS CHRIST.

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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Second Reading: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Sacraments
Jesus Christ

Faith
Kingdom of God
Eucharist Series

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SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Jesus' healed the widow's son. He had great compassion upon the grieving mother and brought the son back from death. It is thus fitting that we focus our doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK.

SACRAMENTS

Jesus' healed the widow's son. He had great compassion upon the grieving mother and brought the son back from death. Jesus' healing mission continues in the sacraments of the Church. Jesus' loving presence continues in the sacraments of the Church. It is thus appropriate that we focus our doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about SACRAMENTS.

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus demonstrates his Divine authority and power to heal. Jesus' healing ministry is a sign that the Messiah had indeed arrived to save the world. It is thus appropriate to focus our session today on what the Church teaches about the person of JESUS CHRIST.

FAITH

Jesus' miracles testify to his identity. Such miracles are a call to faith. Blessed are those who do not need miracles in order to believe in him, yet still Jesus gives us what we need to enter into a faith-filled relationship with him. It is thus fitting that we consider what the Church teaches about FAITH.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Healing was a sign of the advent of the kingdom. Today Jesus healed the widow's son and brought him back to life, thus announcing the reign of God. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about the KINGDOM OF GOD.

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10 & 13

Second Reading: Galatians 2:16 & 19-21

Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3 or 7:36-50



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Faith
Sin
Salvation
Sacraments
Kingdom of God

Eucharist Series:
part I: Introductory Rites
part II: Liturgy of the Word
part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist
part IV, Communion Rite

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FAITH

Both the second reading and the Gospel are invitations to increase one's faith. Paul insists that our response to Christ's ultimate sacrifice is faith. The woman in the Gospel not only shows her absolute faith in Christ, she shows her unabashed love by washing his feet with her hair. Her faith is an example to every generation of believers. Thus, today we will focus our attention on what the Church teaches about FAITH.

SIN

In today's first reading David was the epitome par excellence of the sinner. God extended mercy to David and spared his life. The woman in the Gospel showed her love for Jesus and the forgiveness he extended to her by washing his feet with her hair. We are all sinners who are forgiven by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Today's extended session will focus on the mystery of SIN and what the Church teaches about SIN.

SALVATION

David is saved by God's great mercy and benevolence. Paul reminds us that we are saved by the sacrifice of the cross. The woman is saved by Christ's gift of forgiveness and God's mercy. Today's liturgy invites us to reflect on the great gift of salvation we have been given through God's Son, Jesus Christ. Thus, today our extended session will focus on the mystery of SALVATION.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus came to establish the kingdom. Today he shows what it means to live in the kingdom—sharing the Eucharistic meal that expresses our unity and radical lavish love of God. Those who are called to establish the reign of God are to follow the example of Jesus. This section of Luke’s Gospel focuses on Jesus’ mission to establish the reign of God and prepare his disciples for his absence. Today’s doctrinal session will focus on the KINGDOM OF GOD.

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Zechariah 12:10-11

Second Reading: Galatians 3:26-29

Gospel: Luke 9:18-24



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Kingdom of God
Evangelization
Sacrament of Orders
Faith
Prayer
Salvation

Ecumenism
Eucharist Series:
part I: Introductory Rites
part II: Liturgy of the Word
part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist
part IV, Communion Rite

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KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus came to establish the kingdom. Today he tells his disciples the implications of kingdom living. He reminds them that the road is not easy. He reminds them that they too will be rejected. Those who are called to establish the reign of God are to follow the example of Jesus. They are to detach from worldly concerns and consider the kingdom of God their top priority. This section of Luke's Gospel focuses on Jesus' mission to establish the reign of God and prepare his disciples for his absence. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the KINGDOM OF GOD.

EVANGELIZATION

Jesus prepares his disciples to establish his kingdom after his death. He is teaching them what it means to be a disciple and what will be expected of them. Their primary goal is to preach the Kingdom. Thus, he is teaching them about the importance of EVANGELIZATION. Today our extended session will focus on what the Church teaches about EVANGELIZATION.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Today Elisha is commissioned for service in God's prophetic mission. Jesus reminds those who would take up the mantle of kingdom ministry that they are to detach from all that would keep them focused on their former life. These themes very naturally invite us to

focus on the sacrament of Holy Orders that is a commissioning for ministry in God's service par excellence. Thus today's extended session will focus on the **SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS**.

FAITH

All the readings are a call to **FAITH**. No one can go forward to establish the kingdom of God without radical faith in God. No one is able to detach from his or her worldly possessions in order to promote God's reign without faith. Thus, today we will focus our attention on what the Church teaches about **FAITH**.

PRAYER

Jesus reminds his disciples that union with him is their top priority. He gives the example throughout Luke's Gospel of what drives his mission—intimacy with his Father. If we are to be in complete union with Jesus then we must develop a consistent prayer life. Today our extended session will focus on **PRAYER**.

SALVATION

Jesus teaches his disciples about the kingdom he came to establish. He teaches them what they can expect. They now will be the messengers of his salvation. These chapters in Luke's Gospel serve as a catechism on the salvation Jesus came to offer. Today's liturgy invites us to reflect on the great gift of salvation we have been given through God's Son, Jesus Christ. Thus, today our extended session will focus on the mystery of **SALVATION**.

ECUMENISM

Jesus is preparing his disciples to establish the kingdom of God after his death. We are to continue that mission today. Part of Jesus' mission requires that we join forces with other Christians to work in unity to establish the reign of God. It is thus important that we understand what the Church teaches us about ecumenism—how we approach other non-Catholic religions. Thus, today's extended session will focus on Church teaching regarding **ECUMENISM**.

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16 & 19-21

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1 & 13-18

Gospel: Luke 9:51-62



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Kingdom of God
Evangelization
Sacrament of Orders
Faith
Prayer
Salvation

Ecumenism
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12 & 17-20 or 10:1-9



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Evangelization

Baptism

Kingdom of God

Jesus Christ

Miracles

Prayer

Cross of Jesus Christ

Ecumenism

Eucharist Series:

part I: Introductory Rites

part II: Liturgy of the Word

part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist

part IV, Communion Rite

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EVANGELIZATION

Jesus sends his disciples out to preach the Kingdom of God. He gives them instructions for this very important missionary work. Today is a most appropriate time to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about EVANGELIZATION.

BAPTISM

If Jesus is sending the seventy two out to proclaim the kingdom they must be ready to bring those they meet into the fold of Christianity. Thus, they would be baptizing people along the way throughout their journey. For that reason, today would be an appropriate time to focus our attention on the sacrament of BAPTISM.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus came to establish the kingdom. Today he tells his disciples to go out and establish that kingdom—to tell the world about it. He reminds them that the road is not easy. He reminds them that they too will be rejected. Those who are called to establish the reign of God are to follow the example of Jesus. They are to detach from worldly concerns and consider the kingdom of God their top priority. This section of Luke's Gospel focuses on Jesus' mission to establish the reign of God. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the KINGDOM OF GOD.

JESUS CHRIST

The focus of this evangelistic effort is Jesus Christ and his mission to the world. Each Sunday would be an appropriate time to reflect on Jesus the Christ. Thus, today our extended session will be on JESUS CHRIST.

MIRACLES

Even though miracles are not to be a primary focus of the disciples as they go forward, they nevertheless were given the power of Jesus to perform such miracles. Miracles were considered a sign of God's kingdom. The disciples were being sent to establish that kingdom in the world. Thus, it is most appropriate that today we focus our attention on MIRACLES.

PRAYER

Jesus reminds his disciples that union with him is their top priority. No mission is good without the power of prayer. The disciples are exhorted to go forth with Jesus' name on their lips—that is called prayer. Today would be an appropriate time to focus our attention on PRAYER.

CROSS OF JESUS

St. Paul reminds the Galatians that their only cause for boasting is the cross of Jesus Christ. We are exhorted to take up our cross and follow Jesus. Today would be a most appropriate time to focus our attention on the CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST.

ECUMENISM

Jesus is sending his disciples out to establish the kingdom of God. We are to continue that mission today. Part of Jesus' mission requires that we join forces with other Christians to work in unity to establish the reign of God. It is thus important that we understand what the Church teaches us about ecumenism—how we approach other non-Catholic religions. Thus, today's extended session will focus on Church teaching regarding ECUMENISM.

EUCCHARIST SERIES:

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Morality

Moral Decision Making

Prayer

Catholic Social Teaching

Kingdom of God

Jesus Christ

Eucharist Series:

part I: Introductory Rites

part II: Liturgy of the Word

part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist

part IV, Communion Rite

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

MORALITY

Today's liturgy focuses on the Law and on discipleship—what it means to live as a disciple. It is a most appropriate time to consider what the Church means when it speaks of morality—that it refers to a just way of living and being in the world. Thus, today the focus of our extended session will be MORALITY.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

Today's liturgy focuses on the Law and on discipleship. In order to establish the reign of God and live according to the moral imperatives of the Gospel, we must learn what it means to make a moral decision—that it is based on the teaching of Christ and the Scriptures. Thus, today would be a most appropriate time to focus our attention in the extended session on MORAL DECISION MAKING.

PRAYER

Jesus established his kingdom—a new way of living and being in the world. If we are to remain faithful to his teaching we must foster our intimate relationship with him. The only way this is accomplished is through prayer. Thus the focus of our extended session today will be PRAYER.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan is a wonderful springboard for reflecting on Catholic Social Teaching. It is certainly an example of the law of love which is expressed in every reading in today's liturgy. Thus, the focus of our extended doctrinal session will be CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus came to establish the kingdom. Today he tells his disciples what it means to be a disciple in that kingdom. He upsets apple carts and conventional ideas of how the world should be and invites new way of living and being in the world. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the KINGDOM OF GOD.

JESUS CHRIST

The focus of this evangelistic effort is Jesus Christ and his mission to the world. Each Sunday would be an appropriate time to reflect on Jesus the Christ. Thus, today our extended session will be on JESUS CHRIST.

EUCCHARIST SERIES:

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Morality

Moral Decision Making

Prayer

Catholic Social Teaching

Kingdom of God

Jesus Christ

Eucharist Series:

part I: Introductory Rites

part II: Liturgy of the Word

part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist

part IV, Communion Rite

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LITURGICAL YEAR

In one complete liturgical year the entire life and mission of Christ is unfolded and manifested in the liturgy. Today would be a good time for us to review the importance of the liturgical year and the stories that unfold for us throughout that year that help us integrate what Jesus taught us about establishing his kingdom on earth. The focus of today's extended session will be the LITURGICAL YEAR.

MORALITY

Today's liturgy focuses on what it means to live as faithful disciples. As such, it is a most appropriate time to consider what the Church means when it speaks of morality—that it refers to a just way of living and being in the world. Thus, today the focus of our extended session will be MORALITY.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

Today's liturgy focuses on the right way of living in the kingdom of God. In order to establish the reign of God and live according to the moral imperatives of the Gospel, we must learn what it means to make a moral decision—that it is based on the teaching of Christ and the Scriptures. Thus, today would be a most appropriate time to focus our attention in the extended session on MORAL DECISION MAKING.

PRAYER

Mary and Martha illustrate for us the tension between prayer and action. Today's extended session will focus on the role of PRAYER in the life of the disciple.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

To offer the biblical imperative of offering God's own hospitality is to govern one's life according to moral norms, especially those found in Catholic Social Teaching. The focus of our extended doctrinal session will be CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus came to establish the kingdom. Today he continues to teach his disciples what it means to be a disciple in that kingdom. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the KINGDOM OF GOD.

JESUS CHRIST

The focus of this evangelistic effort is Jesus Christ and his mission to the world. Each Sunday would be an appropriate time to reflect on Jesus the Christ. Thus, today our extended session will be on JESUS CHRIST.

EUCCHARIST SERIES:

Our premier celebration of the Paschal Mystery—the life, passion, death, resurrection, ascension sending of the Spirit is made manifest and re-presented for us in the Eucharistic liturgy. This week we continue the series on the Mass. Today we will focus on part ____ of the Eucharistic Series.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Prayer
Morality
Moral Decision Making
Sin
Kingdom of God
Jesus Christ

Revelation I or II
Eucharist Series:
part I: Introductory Rites
part II: Liturgy of the Word
part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist
part IV, Communion Rite

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

PRAYER

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches his disciples the meaning of prayer and he taught them how to pray. Jesus insists that prayer is an integral element in establishing the reign of God on earth—a new way of living and being in the world. If we are to remain faithful to his teaching we must foster our intimate relationship with him. The only way this is accomplished is through prayer. Thus the focus of our extended session today will be PRAYER.

MORALITY

Paul continues his catechism on salvation—salvation is only through Jesus Christ. We cannot save ourselves by strict adherence to the Law. We are saved through the cross and resurrection of Christ. As a result of so great a gift we can do no less than live a moral life, pleasing to God. Thus, it is a most appropriate time to consider what the Church means when it speaks of morality—a just way of living and being in the world. The focus of today's extended doctrinal session will be MORALITY.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

Paul continues his catechism on salvation—salvation is only through Jesus Christ. We cannot save ourselves by strict adherence to the Law. We are saved through the cross and resurrection of Christ. As a result of so great a gift we can do no less than live a

moral life, pleasing to God. In order to establish the reign of God and live according to the moral imperatives of the Gospel, we must learn what it means to make a moral decision based on the teaching of Christ and the Scriptures. Thus, today would be a most appropriate time to focus our attention in the extended session on **MORAL DECISION MAKING**.

SIN

Jesus prays that we be delivered from the temptations we face in our everyday life. He teaches us that we must pray to be delivered from the test. It is important that we understand what it means to place ourselves outside of God's love. We cut ourselves off from God through grievous sin, even though God is eagerly waiting for our conversion and homecoming. It is therefore important that we take time out to reflect on sin so we know what it is that we must avoid. Today our doctrinal extended session will focus of what the Church teaches about **SIN**.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus came to establish the kingdom. Today he continues to remind the Gospel what it means to be a disciple in his kingdom. He upsets apple carts and conventional ideas of how the world should be and invites new way of living and being in the world. Today he teaches us that prayer is an essential element in establishing his kingdom on earth. Today would be an appropriate occasion to focus our attention on the **KINGDOM OF GOD**.

JESUS CHRIST

Each Sunday would be an appropriate time to reflect on Jesus the Christ. Today is a most appropriate time as Jesus is front and center as Lord, teacher, Master and Son of the Father. Thus, today our extended session will be on **JESUS CHRIST**.

REVELATION I or II

Jesus reveals his intimacy with his Father in his discourse with the disciples. The entire Gospel is revelatory—that is, it seeks to reveals God to believers. Today would be an appropriate time to focus our attention on **REVELATION**.

EUCCHARIST SERIES:

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2 & 2:21-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5 & 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Prayer
Miracles
Catholic Social teaching
Eschatology
Faith
Life Issues
Jesus Christ

Revelation I or II
Eucharist Series:
part I: Introductory Rites
part II: Liturgy of the Word
part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist
part IV, Communion Rite

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

PRAYER

Today's parable of the rich fool is a reminder to us that we must detach from worldly possessions and focus our complete attention on God. The seduction of possessions is so great that prayer is the only antidote. If we are to remain faithful to his teaching we must foster our intimate relationship with him. The only way this is accomplished is through prayer. Thus the focus of our extended session today will be PRAYER.

MIRACLES

God desires intimate communion with his people. All the readings today are a reminder that life without God is meaningless. The miracles of Scripture and the miracles of our lives are one means God has used to enter into that communion. Remembering (anamnesis—a remembering that makes present) the miracles when times are difficult helps us walk through the hard times to a future better day. Life is not meaningless when we focus our attention on God. Today would be an appropriate time to reflect on God's miracles that help us find meaning in life when life seems meaningless. Thus the focus of today's extended doctrinal session will be MIRACLES.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Jesus rallies his disciples and reminds them that possessions are seductive and get in the way of our relationship with God. He warns the rich and reminds us not to hoard our possessions but to share what God has given us. That is certainly the mandate of CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING-- the focus of today's extended doctrinal session.

ESCHATOLOGY

Jesus' parable of the rich fool is a reminder that choices we make in this life affect our life after death. We are to share what we have with others, detach from our possessions and enter into communion with God. In so doing disciples can be confident of sharing eternal life with God forever. Thus, today would be an appropriate time to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about ESCHATOLOGY, HEAVEN, and HELL AND PURGATORY.

FAITH

Today's liturgy is an extended invitation to grow in faith. Life without God is meaningless. Life without faith in God is equally meaningless. Thus, today's liturgy exhorts us to increase our faith in God. The focus of our extended doctrinal session will be FAITH.

LIFE ISSUES

If life is pure gift from God as today's liturgy affirms, then all life is sacred, a complete gratuitous gift from God. We thus must treasure and respect life in all its forms. In so doing we will find deep meaning for our lives. Today our doctrinal focus will be Church teaching in relation to LIFE ISSUES.

JESUS CHRIST

Each Sunday would be an appropriate time to reflect on Jesus the Christ. Today is a most appropriate time as Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, the climax of his saving mission. Thus, today our extended session will be on JESUS CHRIST.

REVELATION I or II

Jesus reveals his intimacy with his Father as he continues to invite disciples into deeper relationship with God. The entire Gospel is revelatory—that is, it seeks to reveal God to believers. Today would be an appropriate time to focus our attention on REVELATION.

EUCCHARIST SERIES:

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews. 11:1-2 & 8-19 or 11:1-2 & 8-12

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Faith
Morality
Moral Decision Making
Salvation
Eschatology
Cross and Paschal Mystery
Symbol of Bread and Wine
Eschatology

Jesus Christ
Revelation I or II
Eucharist Series:
part I: Introductory Rites
part II: Liturgy of the Word
part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist
part IV, Communion Rite

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

FAITH

Today's entire liturgy is a catechism on faith—that it is a gift, that we must have it, and that Christ sustains it. The entire liturgy remembers salvation history and the faith of the people of Israel followed by the faith of steadfast Christians. Life without faith in God is meaningless. Thus, today's liturgy exhorts us to increase our faith in God. The focus of our extended doctrinal session will be FAITH.

MORALITY

Today's first reading is a call to live the moral life. It is a call to remember the promises made to Abraham that we would be his heirs—called to be righteous and holy in God's eyes. The concern in the Book of Wisdom is that the people were losing their religious identity—they were being influenced by pagan influences. It is very easy to succumb to such temptations. Commitment to the moral life is a way we maintain our religious heritage and identity. Thus the focus of our extended session today will be MORALITY.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

Today's first reading is a call to live the moral life. It is a call to remember the promises made to Abraham that we would be his heirs—called to be righteous and holy in God's eyes. The concern in the Book of Wisdom is that the people were losing their religious

identity—they were being influenced by pagan influences. It is very easy to succumb to such temptations. Commitment to the moral life is a way we maintain our religious heritage and identity. In order to remain faithful to that commitment we must make correct and right moral choices. Thus the focus of today's extended doctrinal session will be MORAL DECISION MAKING.

SALVATION

Today's liturgy echoes our entire salvation history—from the saving event of Israel and the deliverance from bondage in the Exodus event, to the deliverance of our lives through Christ's death and resurrection. Today it is an opportune time to reflect on what the Church teaches about our salvation in Christ. Thus, the focus of today's extended doctrinal session is SALVATION.

ESCHATOLOGY

Jesus' parable is a reminder to us to be ready for the coming of Christ. If we are ready each day of our lives, we will be ready to meet the Christ who comes in glory. Thus, today would be an appropriate time to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about ESCHATOLOGY, HEAVEN, and HELL AND PURGATORY.

CROSS AND PASCHAL MYSTERY

We are saved through the cross of Jesus Christ. We are invited to enter into Christ's passion, death and resurrection as we live out our salvation here on earth as we await Christ's return and our ultimate salvation in the hereafter. That mystery is made present to us in every Eucharistic celebration. It is alluded to and echoed in today's Gospel. Thus, today and every Sunday would be an appropriate time to reflect on the CROSS AND PASCHAL MYSTERY.

SYMBOL OF BREAD AND WINE

The Eucharist is alluded to in today's Gospel in the reference: "Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." Luke wants to communicate that Christ's risen presence is still with them when they celebrate the Eucharist. Thus, today would be an appropriate time to reflect on the SYMBOL OF BREAD AND WINE.

REVELATION I or II

Jesus reveals his intimacy with his Father as he continues to invite disciples into deeper relationship with God. The entire Gospel is revelatory—that is, it seeks to reveal God to believers. Today would be an appropriate time to focus our attention on REVELATION.

EUCCHARIST SERIES:

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6 & 8-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Baptism
Holy Spirit
Faith
Prayer
Evangelization
Saints
Jesus Christ

Revelation I or II
Eucharist Series:
part I: Introductory Rites
part II: Liturgy of the Word
part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist
part IV, Communion Rite

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BAPTISM

Jesus talks about being baptized by fire. The symbol of fire is given at baptism as a sign of Christ's Light that dwells within. Today would be an appropriate time to consider what the Church teaches about BAPTISM.

HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus speaks of being baptized by fire—a blaze set over the earth—a prelude to the coming of the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire at Pentecost. Today would be an appropriate occasion to reflect on what the Church teaches about the HOLY SPIRIT.

FAITH

Today's liturgy is an extended invitation to grow in faith. Perseverance in the face of struggle requires steadfast faith. Thus, today's liturgy exhorts us to increase our faith in God and to be faithful in the face of persecution. Thus, the focus of our extended doctrinal session will be FAITH.

PRAYER

Today's liturgy is a clarion call to persevere in the face of persecution. The only way we will have the strength to persevere is by commitment to prayer. Jesus taught us that

prayer and Christian discipline is the only answer. Thus, today's doctrinal session will focus on PRAYER.

EVANGELIZATION

Today's liturgy calls us to go out and preach the Good News—to remain steadfast in faith and to be willing to stand up for the Gospel no matter what—even if we are rejected by our families. Thus, today would be an appropriate time to reflect on what the Church teaches about our baptismal responsibility to evangelize. Our doctrine session will focus on EVANGELIZATION.

SAINTS

The first reading tells the story of Jeremiah, an Old Testament saint. The letter to the Hebrews speaks of our ancient examples of faith—today we call them saints. He reminds us that none surpasses Christ, but they are examples of virtue in our lives. Jesus gives us the recipe for sainthood in today's Gospel—patient endurance and persecution for the sake of the Gospel. Today would be an appropriate occasion to focus on the SAINTS of the Church.

ESCHATOLOGY

Jesus' parable of the rich fool is a reminder that choices we make in this life affect our life after death. We are to share what we have with others, detach from our possessions and enter into communion with God. In so doing disciples can be confident of sharing eternal life with God forever. Thus, today would be an appropriate time to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about ESCHATOLOGY, HEAVEN, and HELL AND PURGATORY.

JESUS CHRIST

Each Sunday would be an appropriate time to reflect on Jesus the Christ. Today is a most appropriate time as Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, the climax of his saving mission. Thus, today our extended session will be on JESUS CHRIST.

REVELATION I or II

Jesus' sense of urgency in the Gospel is a reminder that his time of fulfillment is about to come. Full revelation of God in Christ is coming to fruition. Jesus is preparing them to encounter him in his glory when he returns again. Thus he continues to exhort his disciples to pray, to persevere and to remain faithful to his teaching—his revelation. The entire Gospel is revelatory—that is, it seeks to reveal God to believers. Today would be an appropriate time to focus our attention on REVELATION.

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7 & 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Eschatology

Cross and Paschal Mystery

Kingdom of God

Sin

Salvation

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacraments

Eucharist Series:

part I: Introductory Rites

part II: Liturgy of the Word

part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist

part IV, Communion Rite

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

ESCHATOLOGY (last things, heaven, hell and purgatory)

The first reading looks to the future kingdom of God. Jesus teaches his disciples about the kingdom here and the kingdom yet to come. He teaches them about salvation—who will be saved and who will be left behind. Today is an opportune time to consider what the Church teaches about ESCHATOLOGY.

PASCHAL MYSTERY

Today's liturgy invites us deeply into the mystery of Christian suffering. Jesus invites us deeply into his Paschal Mystery as a requisite for entrance into the kingdom of God. Christians participate in the kingdom of God when they embrace the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. It is the repentance and conversion of which Jesus speaks in today's Gospel. Thus, today our doctrinal focus will be the PASCHAL MYSTERY OF JESUS CHRIST.

SIN

Today's liturgy is an invitation to repent. Jesus tells us that salvation is not a sure thing unless we repent and change our hearts. In order to fully repent we must have an appreciation of the nature of sin and that from which we must repent in the first place. Thus, the focus of our extended doctrinal session will be SIN.

SALVATION

Today's liturgy is a clarion call to reflect on the salvation that is ours through the mission of Jesus Christ. Jesus is urgent in his call to repent, insisting that salvation can be lost unless one repents and converts one's life. Thus today's doctrinal session will focus on what the Church teaches about SALVATION.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Today's liturgy is a call to repentance, the Church offers of fountain of grace in which we encounter Christ's forgiveness and reconciliation. The sacrament of reconciliation offers us the opportunity to do what Jesus asks of us in today's Gospel—repent. Thus, today we will focus our extended doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about the sacrament of reconciliation.

SACRAMENTS

Today's liturgy is a catechism on salvation. The sacraments provide for us the means to cooperate with Christ's saving grace. We are strengthened through the sacraments to do what Jesus calls on us to do in today's Gospel—repent and convert our lives. Thus, today we will focus our doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about SACRAMENTS.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Today's liturgy is a catechism on what it means to live in the kingdom of God. It is an opportune time to reflect on what the Church teaches about the KINGDOM OF GOD.

EUCCHARIST SERIES:

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, & 28-29

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19 & 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1 & 7-14



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Eschatology
Catholic Social Teaching
Nicene Creed
Morality
Moral Decision Making
Symbol of Bread and Wine

Eucharist Series:
part I: Introductory Rites
part II: Liturgy of the Word
part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist
part IV, Communion Rite

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

ESCHATOLOGY

Today's second reading reminds us that we live in the kingdom of God now and not yet. Jesus teaches us how we are to live in that kingdom as we await the eternal kingdom of eternity. Thus, today would be an appropriate time to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about ESCHATOLOGY.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Jesus exhorts us to adopt the virtue of humility, to avoid places of honor and to go out into the world and invite the poor, the sick and the marginalized to places of honor at the Lord's Table. This is the heart of CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING which is the focus of our extended doctrinal session today.

NICENE CREED

The second reading today calls us to reflect on the new covenant that Christ forged through his Paschal mystery. That covenant is affirmed every time we celebrate the Eucharist. We profess faith in the truths of that covenant every time we profess the Nicene Creed.

MORALITY

Today's liturgy is a call to live the moral life. It is a call to adopt the virtue of humility and to live according to the moral imperatives of the Gospel. Jesus is very explicit in what it means to live a moral life. One of the many exhortations he has given to us is the command to be humble and to reach out to the lowly and the poor. The focus of our extended session today will be MORALITY.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

Today's first reading is a call to live the moral life. It is a call to remember the promises made to Abraham that we would be his heirs—called to be righteous and holy in God's eyes. The concern in the Book of Wisdom is that the people were losing their religious identity—they were being influenced by pagan influences. It is very easy to succumb to such temptations. Commitment to the moral life is a way we maintain our religious heritage and identity. In order to remain faithful to that commitment we must make correct and right moral choices. Thus the focus of today's extended doctrinal session will be MORAL DECISION MAKING.

SYMBOL OF BREAD AND WINE

Jesus alludes to table fellowship in today's parable. We are all invited to the wedding feast in which we all stand equal before God. It is the Eucharist that strengthens us to embrace the humility that Jesus calls forth in us today. Thus it would be an appropriate time to reflect on the Eucharist and the SYMBOL OF BREAD AND WINE.

EUCCHARIST SERIES:

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10 & 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Cross, Paschal Mystery
Holy Spirit
Prayer
Catholic Social Teaching

Moral Decision Making
Jesus Christ
Eucharist Series

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

CROSS AND THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Today's Gospel is an exhortation for the disciple to pick up his or her cross and carry it for the sake of others—the heart of the Paschal Mystery. When we participate fully in the Paschal Mystery of Christ we are willing to embrace the cross of struggle and the cross of victory in our everyday lives. We are willing to die for the sake of others just as Jesus died for us. Thus, today would be an opportune time to reflect on the CROSS AND THE PASCHAL MYSTERY.

HOLY SPIRIT

Today's first reading, indeed every liturgy, is an invitation to reflect on the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Holy Spirit is the active agent, the presence of God within the Eucharistic Assembly. It is therefore opportune to reflect on the Holy Spirit and his role in our lives. Today our extended session will focus on the HOLY SPIRIT.

PRAYER

Today's Book of Wisdom is a reminder to seek the will of God in all things. We can only know the will of God by entering into reciprocal relationship with God. We nurture that relationship through a life of prayer. Thus, today our extended doctrinal session will focus on PRAYER.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Paul exhorts Philemon to go beyond society's norms and consider the slave Onesimus an equal child of God with rights and dignity as a child of God. Such is the heart of the Gospel of Christ. This is the heart of CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING which is the focus of our extended doctrinal session today.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

The Gospel today reminds us that we are called to make good decisions—decisions that are not always easy to make. God invites us to discern his will for our lives and to live a moral Christian life. In order to remain faithful to the discipleship to which we are called, we must make correct and right moral choices. Thus the focus of today's extended doctrinal session will be MORAL DECISION MAKING.

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus is on the way to Jerusalem. Tension is mounting. He continues to present his catechism on Christian discipleship. Awareness of the fullness of who he is and his mission will only become evident after his death. Now he prepares the way by teaching his disciples everything they would need to know to continue his mission after he returned to his heavenly throne. Thus, today, albeit any Sunday, would be an appropriate time to focus our attention on JESUS CHRIST.

EUCCHARIST SERIES:

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11 & 13-14

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Morality

Moral Decision Making

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Church and Ecclesiology

Sin and Grace

Symbol of Bread and Wine

Eucharist Series:

part I: Introductory Rites

part II: Liturgy of the Word

part III: Liturgy of the Eucharist

part IV, Communion Rite

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MORALITY

Today's liturgy is a call to live the moral life. Moses was on top of Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments as the people chose to rebel against God. God's faithful people are called to live the moral life. The first reading is an example of what happens when people do not listen to God and the moral imperatives of his will for our lives. When we do not trust God we are not living moral lives. The focus of our extended session today will be MORALITY.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

Today's first reading is a call to live the moral life. The Moses story is a reminder of the implications of choosing to disobey God and to be unfaithful to his covenant. In order to remain faithful to the covenant God forged with Moses and later the ultimate covenant Christ inaugurated we must learn how to make correct and right moral choices. Thus the focus of today's extended doctrinal session will be MORAL DECISION MAKING.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of reconciliation extends God's mercy and the reconciling presence of Christ to us sinners. Today's liturgy reminds us that the Father will go to any lengths to save the sinner. We need go no farther than the sacrament of reconciliation. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

SIN AND GRACE

Today's liturgy is a reminder that we are sinners, that we are called to make moral choices, that we sometimes fail and that God always invites us to repent. God's unconditional forgiveness is always available to those who seek it. Today's liturgy is an invitation to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about grace and sin.

CHURCH AND ECCLESIOLOGY

Paul's letter is concerned with the formation of church communities. He does not set forth a rigid set of rules and regulations, but invites each community to use whatever leadership model best suits their needs. In giving such instructions he begins to establish a doctrine of church and of ecclesiology. Thus it is most fitting that today our extended doctrinal session will focus on CHURCH AND ECCLESIOLOGY.

SYMBOL OF BREAD AND WINE

Jesus alludes to the Eucharist when he calls for a banquet that would feed the entire community. It was a sign of reconciliation. The Eucharist is a reconciling sacrament. Thus it would be an appropriate time to reflect on the Eucharist and the SYMBOL OF BREAD AND WINE.

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13 or 16:10-13



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Stewardship
Evangelization
Catholic Social Teaching

Sin and Grace
Church Structure
Eucharistic Series

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The sacrament of reconciliation extends God's mercy and the reconciling presence of Christ to us sinners. Amos calls the people to repentance. As Catholics we are blessed to have a place to bring our sorrow for sin and our desire for repentance—the sacrament of reconciliation in which we experience God's incredible forgiveness and mercy. Today's doctrinal session will focus on the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

STEWARDSHIP

All three readings today refer in some way to appropriate stewardship. Amos chastises the people for failure to be good stewards of God's creation and care for God's poor ones. 1 Timothy exalts the appropriate stewardship of the gifts of the community. And the Gospel highlights the proper approach, attitude and use of money that Christians should adopt. The liturgy invites believers to embrace their God-ordained responsibility toward the poor. Thus today would be a most appropriate time to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about STEWARDSHIP.

EVANGELIZATION

1 Timothy is a powerful witness of Christ and the salvation he came to offer all people. We are given an example of how we might similarly share the Good News. Thus, this reading and liturgy invites us to focus our attention today on what the Church teaches about EVANGELIZATION.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Today's liturgy reminds us of God's command that we care for poor and oppressed people in the world. It is not simply a nice thing to do—it is at the heart of what it means to call ourselves Christian. Caring for those who are disadvantaged is our response to the covenant God has forged with us—we can do no less than respond to God's people with love, charity and justice. Today's liturgy is an excellent opportunity to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING.

SIN AND GRACE

Today's first reading is a reminder that our choices have consequences. Amos preached to the northern kingdom about their refusal to live the covenant. He insisted that the defeat of Israel is a direct result of their arrogance, sin and refusal to live according to the covenant. The Gospel reminds us that God is merciful and is always ready to offer mercy to those who seek it. Today's liturgy is an invitation to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about grace and sin.

CHURCH STRUCTURE

Paul's letter is concerned with the formation of church communities. He is concerned about the life of the community and the path it has taken. He does not mandate a specific form of leadership, but he expects leadership to be in place as indeed it is. Thus, 1 Timothy offers us the opportunity to take a more in-depth look at the Church structure. Thus, today our doctrinal extended session will focus on CHURCH STRUCTURE.

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Amos 6:1 & 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Stewardship

Baptism

Evangelization

Catholic Social Teaching

Eschatology or the End Times:

Heaven, Hell and Purgatory

Sin and Grace

Eucharistic Series

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

STEWARDSHIP

The readings today continue the issue of stewardship and care for the poor. Amos chastises the people for failure to be good stewards of God's creation and care for God's poor ones. The Gospel highlights the importance of caring for the poor—there are consequences when we don't. The liturgy invites believers to embrace their God-ordained responsibility toward the poor. Thus today would be a most appropriate time to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about STEWARDSHIP.

BAPTISM

1 Timothy makes reference to a baptismal profession of faith, a profession we all make at baptism and which we annually renew. Baptism is an ongoing call to live the priestly, prophetic and royal mission of Christ. This reading is an invitation to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about the sacrament of BAPTISM.

EVANGELIZATION

Today's Gospel is an important reminder that we are called to share the good News of the Kingdom. The rich man failed in his responsibility; it is too late for him. We are therefore compelled to go out and invite others to live the Good News and establish the reign of God. Thus, today our focus will be on what the Church teaches about EVANGELIZATION.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Today's liturgy reminds us of God's command that we care for poor and oppressed people in the world. The Catholic Catechism, #1033 states "Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are his brethren". It is not simply a nice thing to do—it is at the heart of what it means to call ourselves Christian. Caring for those who are disadvantaged is our response to the covenant God has forged with us—we can do no less than respond to God's people with love, charity and justice. Today's liturgy is an excellent opportunity to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING.

ESCHATOLOGY or END TIMES: HEAVEN, HELL AND PURGATORY.

Today's Gospel, while not directly a theme about the afterlife, does address it. The rich man experiences the consequences of a life not lived in accord with God's Law. Hades, the place of torment is not considered hell in the sense we understand hell. However, the allusion to the afterlife in the parable is an opportunity for us to reflect on the afterlife—what we believe about it. Thus today we will focus our attention in the doctrinal session on ESCHATOLOGY or END TIMES: HEAVEN, HELL AND PURGATORY.

SIN AND GRACE

Today's first reading is a reminder that our choices have consequences. Amos preached to the northern kingdom about their refusal to live the covenant. He insisted that the defeat of Israel is a direct result of their arrogance, sin and refusal to live according to the covenant. The Gospel reminds us that God is merciful and is always ready to offer mercy to those who seek it. Today's liturgy is an invitation to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about grace and sin.

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3 & 2:2-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8 & 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Faith
Sacrament of Baptism
Creed

Evangelization
Jesus Christ
Eucharistic Series

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

FAITH

Today's liturgy is a catechism on faith. God invites us to persevere and have faith in all things, especially in times of crisis. Thus today's liturgy is an invitation to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about FAITH.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today's liturgy calls us to have faith. Faith strengthens us to live the Christian life. Baptism is a response to that faith. Those who have faith in Christ are baptized into Christ's life, death and resurrection. Baptism also strengthens us to live a life of faith. Thus, today's liturgy also invites us to focus our attention on the SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

NICENE CREED

Christians are called to have faith. Faith in what? The Nicene Creed is the Christian's profession of faith—that which we are expected to embrace and upon which we are to stake our lives. It is spelled out for us in the Nicene Creed. Thus today would be an appropriate time to focus our doctrinal session on the NICENE CREED.

EVANGELIZATION

If today's Gospel is a catechism on faith, then the next step once faith is established is to share that faith with others. Christians are called to share the Good News—their faith—with the rest of the world. We cannot keep our faith hidden under a bushel basket. Thus, today would be an appropriate time to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about EVANGELIZATION.

JESUS CHRIST

Today's liturgy is a clarion call to faith. Our faith is rooted in the person of Jesus Christ. Every discussion of faith centers on the object of our faith—the crucified and risen Christ. Thus it is very appropriate that we focus our attention today on the person of JESUS CHRIST.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Anointing of the Sick
Salvation/Soteriology
Sacraments

Kingdom of God
Catholic Social Teaching
Eucharistic Series

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Today's liturgy is a premier liturgy for exploring the Church's sacrament of healing. Jesus healed the ten lepers. His healing ministry continues today with the same purpose Jesus had in mind—to bring people salvation. Today's liturgy is an invitation to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about the sacrament of ANOINTING OF THE SICK.

SALVATION/SOTERIOLOGY

Ten lepers were healed, one was saved. Jesus offers salvation in today's Gospel through his healing sign. Healing is a sign of the kingdom Jesus came to inaugurate and the salvation he came to offer. We either can go on our way or like the Samaritan we can return and give God thanks and praise. We can accept the salvation that is freely offered. It is thus an appropriate occasion to focus our doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about SALVATION/SOTERIOLOGY.

SACRAMENTS

Jesus' saving ministry continues in the sacramental life of the Church. His life and mission are made present to us in the sacraments of the Church. It is thus fitting that today we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about SACRAMENTS.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Healing was prophesied as the hallmark of the Day of the Lord. When the blind see, the lame walk and the deaf hear, when lepers are healed, we will know we are living in the kingdom of God. Jesus inaugurated that kingdom. Today we see its fruits. It is thus fitting that we focus our doctrinal session on what the Church teaches about the KINGDOM OF GOD.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Today's liturgy is a reminder that we are to tear down the barriers and distinctions that keep some people on the bottom while others thrive at the top. The healing and salvation Jesus offered in today's Gospel is universal—it is opened to all people inclusively—sick and whole, saint and sinner. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on the teaching of the Church that calls for justice for all of God's people—CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING.

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 & -4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Prayer

Catholic Social teaching

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Evangelization

Church and Ecclesiology

Scripture and Revelation

Cross and Paschal Mystery

Eucharist Series

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

PRAYER

Moses lifted up God's staff and as long as his hands were raised he was victorious. As long as the people prayed, Moses was victorious in battle. Prayer is essential to our Christian life—it is especially essential when facing life's battles. The Moses story today reminds us that we can accomplish all things through Christ who strengthens us if we call on him in faith. Thus, we will focus our attention today on what the Church teaches about PRAYER.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The image of woman (an oppressed person in the culture of Jesus' day) speaking for herself in today's parable of the unjust judge is a reminder of the human dignity of all people which is the basis for the social teaching of the Church. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING.

EVANGELIZATION

Today's second reading is a reminder of the power of sharing the Good News with those we love and those with whom we encounter. Paul reminded Timothy how he learned the ways of God from his grandmother. We all have had people in our lives who have had a significant impact on our lives of faith. It is a reminder that we must share the Good News of Christ by word and example each and every day. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention today on what the Church teaches about EVANGELIZATION.

CHURCH AND ECCLESIOLOGY

Paul's letter is concerned with life in community. He reminds the people that the word of God is transmitted person-to-person and community-to-community. It is a living word lived in lives of real people in real faith communities. It is thus fitting that we focus our attention today on what the Church teaches about community—about **CHURCH AND ECCLESIOLOGY**.

REVELATION AND SCRIPTURE I or II

Paul's letter reminds the people that the word of God is transmitted person-to-person and community-to-community. It is a living word lived in lives of real people in real faith communities. God's word is the revelation of God himself. It is thus fitting that we focus our attention today on what the Church teaches **REVELATION AND SCRIPTURE**.

CROSS and PASCHAL MYSTERY

Today's parable alludes to the strength in weakness that was demonstrated in Christ's sacrificial death on the cross. It is thus fitting that we focus our attention on the **CROSS AND PASCHAL MYSTERY**.

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14 & 16-18

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8 & 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Catholic Social teaching
Morality
Moral Decision Making
Sin and Grace

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Cross and Paschal Mystery
Eucharist Series

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The issue of who is an insider and who is an outsider in today's parable is a reminder to us that all are equal in the eyes of God. There is basic dignity in every human person. It is the responsibility of Catholic social teaching to remind us that there are no outsiders in the kingdom of God unless people deliberately put themselves outside the kingdom of God. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING.

MORALITY

The issue of what constitutes a moral action is pertinent in today's parable. The tax collector knows he is a sinner and the Pharisee is sure he is not. He has no need for God. He is certain of his righteousness. Moral teaching reminds us how to determine what constitutes a moral action. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention today on what the Church teaches about MORALITY.

MORAL DECISION MAKING

The issue of what constitutes a moral action is pertinent in today's parable. The tax collector knows he is a sinner and the Pharisee is sure he is not. He has no need for God. He is certain of his righteousness. One cannot make a decision to act morally unless he or she knows what constitutes a moral action. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention today on what the Church teaches about MORAL DECISION MAKING.

SIN AND GRACE

Today's parable illustrates self-righteous blindness in the person of the Pharisee. He is certain that he is righteous when in fact he is not. The tax collector is a sinner who is aware of his sin. The latter repented the former did not. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention today on what the Church teaches about SIN AND GRACE.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We are blessed to have a remedy for the sin in our lives. The tax collector was aware of his sinfulness...he made the first step toward reconciliation with God—he acknowledged his sinfulness and showed contrition for his sins. Such is the basis for the sacrament of reconciliation. It is thus appropriate to focus our attention today on the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

CROSS AND PASCHAL MYSTERY

Paul reminds Timothy to remain steadfast in the face of suffering and persecution. It is a call to embrace the cross and live the paschal mystery of Christ. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about the CROSS AND PASCHAL MYSTERY.

EUCCHARIST SERIES:

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:1

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

Salvation
Catholic Social Teaching
Eschatology, End Times, Heaven,
Hell and Purgatory
Stewardship

Kingdom of God
Sin and Grace
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Eucharist Series

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

SALVATION

Today's liturgy is a testament to God's saving power. The first reading reminds us that God saves the sinner. The second reading invites preparedness and watchfulness for the Lord's coming in our lives and the Gospel witnesses to the salvation of Zacchaeus—a prototype for each and every one of us—sinners before God. Jesus reached out and invited Zacchaeus to repent and accept his hospitality and to be converted of heart. It is an invitation extended to all people inclusively. It is thus fitting that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about SALVATION.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The issue of who is an insider and who is an outsider in today's Gospel is still an issue. Zacchaeus is considered the outsider because he is the tax collector. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus reaches out to save rich and poor alike. All are welcome in God's kingdom. Such is the basis of our Catholic Social teaching. All people possess basic human dignity and are to be treated as equals in the reign of God. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING.

ESCHATOLOGY, END TIMES, HEAVEN, HELL AND PURGATORY

Today's second reading and Gospel look to that future day when all are saved and will be judged by God on the last day. We are to be prepared for that day whether it comes tomorrow or in the future. The reference to the Son of Man in the Gospel is a reminder of that future day when the Lord will return to take us all home to be with him forever. The reference is a mystagogical reflection by the early church that was looking back on Jesus Christ as that Son of Man who came to save the lost and unsaved. It is thus most appropriate as the Church year begins its slow winding down that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about ESCHATOLOGY, END TIMES, HEAVEN, and HELL AND PURGATORY.

STEWARDSHIP

Zacchaeus made restitution of the money he had cheated from the people when he collected taxes from them. While cheating was abhorrent in the first place, his restitution went well beyond what was expected. Once converted to Christ he became a good steward of the money that he received. He used it in the proper way—he returned it to those he had cheated—not just what he cheated but five times over the amount! He understood that his resources were intimately tied to his relationship with God. He would not have been required to go the extra mile, but did so out of love and in response to God's mercy. His use of resources flowed out of that love and mercy which is the basis of what we believe about STEWARDSHIP. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about STEWARDSHIP.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus illustrates what it means to live in the kingdom he came to establish. He invites deep conversion of heart. He welcomes the sinner and invites the outcast to come to his house. When one is invited into the kingdom one must be prepared to abandon one's life completely to God. Today's liturgy is a reminder that we are all called to live in his kingdom. We are all called to let go of our possessions, seek God out with a passion, climb the nearest tree if need be and rest in the arms of Christ who comes to save. It is thus most fitting that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about the KINGDOM OF GOD.

SIN AND GRACE

Today's Gospel reminds us that sin is illusive. Normally the tax collector is an icon of the sinner. Yet in today's Gospel he is an icon of repentant and grace-filled child of Abraham. Zacchaeus knew that he was a sinner and promised to amend his life. It is thus fitting that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches us today about SIN AND GRACE.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We are blessed to have a remedy for the sin in our lives. Zacchaeus was aware of his sinfulness...and made five-fold restitution. He acknowledged his sinfulness and showed contrition for his sins. Such is the basis for the sacrament of reconciliation. It is thus appropriate to focus our attention today on the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2 & 9-14

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38 or Luke 20:27 & 34-38



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

*Eschatology, End Times, Heaven,
Hell and Purgatory
Salvation
Creed
Marriage*

*Kingdom of God
Jesus Christ
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Eucharist Series*

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ESCHATOLOGY, END TIMES, HEAVEN, HELL AND PURGATORY

Today's second reading and Gospel look to that future hope we all share in the afterlife. We are to be prepared for that day whether it comes tomorrow or in the future. It is thus most appropriate as the Church year begins its slow winding down that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about ESCHATOLOGY, END TIMES, HEAVEN, and HELL AND PURGATORY.

SALVATION

Today's liturgy is a testament to God's saving power and salvation that ensures life with God in eternity. The readings today invite preparedness and watchfulness for the Lord's coming and the salvation he brings. We are thus invited into intimate relationship with the God who continues his ongoing work of salvation in the world. It is thus fitting that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about SALVATION.

CREED

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Jesus' conversation with the Sadducees about the levirate marriage law regarding who would be married to whom in the afterlife (an attempt by the Sadducees to disprove the afterlife), was not a conversation about marriage. It was a conversation about the afterlife. However, it does prompt questions about marriage in general and thus would be an appropriate occasion to focus our attention on what the Church teaches about the SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Luke's intention in today's Gospel is to illustrate the difference between the Jewish understanding of kingdom of God and the early Church's interpretation of that concept. Jesus illustrated what it means to live in the kingdom he came to establish. He invites deep conversion of heart. He welcomes the sinner and invites the outcast. Today's liturgy is a reminder that we are all called to live in his kingdom—a kingdom now as we await the kingdom yet to come. It is thus most fitting that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about the KINGDOM OF GOD.

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus is the long awaited messiah—the messiah of the new kingdom he came to establish—not a political kingdom rooted in power, possessions and prestige, but one rooted in life with God. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on that Messiah who promises eternal life and died for us to ensure it. It is thus fitting that we focus our attention on JESUS CHRIST.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

One way we are constantly vigilant and ready for Christ's return is to be conscious of our need for God's grace and mercy. One fountain of that grace and mercy is experienced in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is thus appropriate to focus our attention today on the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION.

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19



Connecting Liturgy with Catholic Doctrine

Possible doctrinal themes that flow from this week's
Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist

*Eschatology, End Times, Heaven,
Hell and Purgatory
Salvation
Creed
Morality*

*Moral Decision Making
Life issues
Jesus Christ
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Eucharist Series*

Other themes may be chosen as well--choose from the scope and sequence chart and create your own connecting statement. The following statements make the appropriate connections between the doctrinal issue you have chosen and the liturgy of the day.

ESCHATOLOGY, END TIMES, HEAVEN, HELL AND PURGATORY

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SALVATION

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MORALITY

As we focus our attention on Last Things and the End of Time in these last days of the liturgical year it would be important to focus our attention on right living—how we make moral choices. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about CHRISTIAN MORALITY.

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LIFE ISSUES

As we focus our attention on *Last Things* and eternal life, it is important that we focus on living life to the fullest—life from womb to tomb. Thus, as we focus our attention on eternal values it is important to reflect on what it means to live this life in accord with God's will for our lives. Let us thus reflect on what the Church teaches about a life ethic from womb to tomb, let us reflect on LIFE ISSUES.

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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING C

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43



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Kingdom of God
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Hell and Purgatory

Salvation
Creed
Cross/Paschal Mystery
Eucharist Series

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JESUS CHRIST

Today is a perfect feast for focusing our attention on the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus, the Son of God. Thus, the feast of Christ the King logically invites reflection on what the Church teaches us about JESUS CHRIST.

KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus came to establish his kingdom on earth as we await his kingdom in heaven. This feast remembers the exalted king of the universe who reigns from his heavenly throne. It is thus appropriate that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches us about the kingdom he came to establish. Thus today's doctrinal session will focus on the KINGDOM OF GOD.

ESCHATOLOGY, END TIMES, HEAVEN, HELL AND PURGATORY

Today's liturgy leads us to reflect on what Jesus promised the good thief—eternal life, paradise, and heaven. It is thus most appropriate as the Church year ends with this feast of Christ the Lord and King of the Universe, that we focus our attention on what the Church teaches about ESCHATOLOGY, END TIMES, HEAVEN, and HELL AND PURGATORY.

CROSS/PASCHAL MYSTERY

Today is a most appropriate occasion to focus our attention on the Cross of Christ and the Paschal Mystery that celebrates his life, his mission, his passion, death and resurrection, his ascension to the Father and the sending of the Holy Spirit to the world. Our focus today will be the **CROSS OF CHRIST AND PASCHAL MYSTERY**

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